THE WEATHER.

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SENATOR M'LAURIN DIES SUDDENLY

Distinguished Mississippian Suffered Attack of Heart Failure.

STRONG DEFENDER OF SOUTH

Former Governor of His State and Was Serving Third Term in United States Senate—Noted Politician—His Career.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 22.—United States Senator A. J. McLaurin died suddenly tonight at his home in Brandon. Death was due to an attack of heart failure and came without the slightest warning at 6:35 o'clock.

When the fatal stroke came upon him Senator McLaurin was seated in a rocking chair in front of the fire place in his library. He suddenly fell forward, without speaking a word, and life was extinct when members of his family reached his side. The swift summons of death followed within a few moments a remark by Senator McLaurin that he was then feeling better than he had felt at any time since his recent severe illness, resulting from an attack of ptomaine poisoning.

The announcement as to the funeral arrangements had not been made at a late hour tonight.

As to a successor to Senator McLaurin, it is pointed out that an appointment might be immediately made by Governor Noel or selected by the State Legislature, which will convene early in January.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senator McLaurin, who was 60 years old began his first term in the United States Senate in 1894, but was elected Governor of Mississippi in 1895 and served in that office four years. He was elected again to the Senate in 1900 and served one term. He then returned for the term which began on March 4th, 1907. His present term of office would have expired on March 3rd, 1913.

Senator McLaurin was a lawyer by profession and began the study of law in 1868, after he had served through the Civil War as a private in the Confederate Army. He was born on March 26th, 1848, at Brandon, Miss., and was raised on a farm. He entered the Confederate Army when he was 16 years old. Seven children survive him.

Strong Defender of South.

When the present session of Congress opened Senator McLaurin did not come to Washington because of illness. In the Senate chamber he was known as one of the strongest defenders of the South, though not as radical as some. He believed in the South, her resources and her future and he never failed to rise to her defense when she was assailed.

He did some active work on the Senate committee on the Mississippi river and tributaries and was a member of other important Senate committees, among them those on civil service.

The death of Anslem Joseph McLaurin, Senator from Mississippi, takes from the senate one of the very few remaining ex-Confederates. Senator McLaurin was born March 26th 1848, left school to enter the Confederate Army, and since 1871 has been prominent in the politics of his State. He was successively district attorney, member of the Legislature, Presidential elector, member of the Constitutional Convention which was the pioneer in restricting negro suffrage, United States Senator, February 7th, 1894, to March 4th, 1895, Governor from January 1896, to January, 1900, when he was again elected United States Senator.

MYSTERIOUS AIRSHIP

Hovered Over Worcester, Mass., And Was Seen by Thousands.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22.—Flying at a speed of from 30 to 40 miles an hour a mysterious airship tonight appeared over Worcester, hovered over the city a few minutes, disappeared for about two hours and then returned to cut four circles above the gaping city, meanwhile using a search light of tremendous power. Thousands of people thronged the streets to watch the mysterious visitor.

The airship remained over the city for about 15 minutes, all the time at a height that most observers set at about 2,000 feet, too far to enable even its precise shape to be seen. The glaring rays of its great searchlight, however, were sharply defined by reflection against the light snow fall which was covering the city at the time. The dark mass of the ship could be dimly seen behind the light.

After a time it disappeared in the direction of Marlboro, only to return later.

At the time of the airship's visit Wallace E. Tillinghast, the Worcester man who recently claimed to invented a marvelous aeroplane in which he said he had journeyed to New York and return by way of Boston, was absent from his home and could not be located.

"Merry Christmas" for a cent—the Christmas stamp.

ESTRADA VICTORY COMPLETE

Government Troops Routed in Nicaragua and 600 Men Were Killed in Both Armies—Advices at State Department.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 22.—Gen. Estrada has won a complete victory over the government troops at Rama. A total of 600 men of both armies was killed or wounded. Nineteen hundred of Zelaya's men have surrendered including General Gonzales, who was in command. Two Americans are reported killed.

The fighting occurred outside the city limits. The wounded are being brought here. Commander Shipley has landed surgeons from the Des Moines to care for them.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Confirmation of Associated Press dispatches from Nicaragua were received today at the Navy Department in a cablegram from Capt. Shipley, of the Des Moines, now at Bluefields, dated at 3 o'clock this morning. The additional information is given in the Navy Department's advices that General Castrillo, four pieces of field artillery, 1,500 rifles and 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition were included in the surrender.

The wounded have been carried to Bluefields where the hospital facilities are inadequate to the demands made by the results of the engagement.

Capt. Shipley says he has established a hospital on shore employing surgeons, assistants and hospital supplies from the Des Moines, and the Tacoma.

No force has been landed from the American warships, Capt. Shipley says. Zelaya's loss in killed, wounded and captured, the captain reports is about 2,600.

An earlier telegram from Capt. Shipley dated the 21st says that the revolutionary forces in Nicaragua had gained a decisive victory at Rama over the government forces.

The telegram states that Estrada's army on the 20th began an organized attack on the government position. The outposts of the Zelaya forces under Gonzales, were defeated and routed. The fighting continued Tuesday. General Vasquez, of the government forces is said to be a prisoner at Managua, but the cause of his arrest is not known at the State Department.

Captain Shipley's telegram adds that the surrender of the entire government force was expected yesterday and that Estrada is confident of complete success. Captain Shipley says further that the United States gunboat Eagle is within the harbor and is prepared at any moment to land its blue jackets, but in all probability such a course will be unnecessary.

Zelaya's Cause for Resigning.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 22.—Ex-President Zelaya today issued a manifesto declaring that his surrender of the Presidency was caused by a desire to save Nicaragua the humiliation of outrages threatened by a powerful foreign nation, which was now inaugurating a decisive influence over the destiny of Nicaragua.

Because of his resistance against the imposition of tutelage which was the fore-runner of the conversion of the Latin nations of this continent into dependencies of the United States, he had incurred the hatred of that government and when the defeat of the revolutionists appeared certain the United States government inexplicably severed relations with Nicaragua through Secretary Knox's letter to the charge de affaires.

He protested because the world was against the meddling of the United States and the threat to land marines.

The former President declares that the Americans, Cannon and Groce were executed according to law. This pretext for intervention, he asserts, is similar to that employed when the United States first intervened in Cuba for there was no proof that the Maine was blown up by Spaniards; yet this was taken as a cause for action. Nor is there any proof that Cannon and Groce were put to death unlawfully.

There are persistent rumors here that a force of Hondurans, now refugees in Guatemala, are preparing for a revolution and propose to invade Honduras at Ocotopeque.

Gonzales Also Won.

Gen. Gonzales, in command of the government troops at Rama, in an official dispatch received here this morning, claims to have won a victory over the revolutionists. He admits having suffered severe losses. The battle began at noon Monday, the government's right wing being attacked by Chamorro and the left wing by Matuly. These positions were defended until 6 o'clock in the evening by Gonzales and Castrillo.

DR. BERNHEIM STRICKEN.

Venerable Lutheran Minister Had Stroke of Paralysis Yesterday.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 22.—Hundreds of friends throughout the State will learn with regret that Rev. Dr. G. D. Bernheim, the venerable chaplain of Elizabeth College, is suffering from a slight stroke of paralysis which affected his right side and destroyed the use of his right arm. On account of the advanced age of Dr. Bernheim, who has passed his 82nd year, his friends have been very apprehensive, but his condition is improving today and his recovery is hoped for. Dr. Bernheim for half a century has been one of the most prominent Lutheran ministers in North Carolina, of the Southern Synod, and has published two or three books of note since he retired from the active ministry. His last active charge was in Wilmington but he has resided here the past several years, with his daughter, Mrs. H. D. Burkheimer.

WARDLAW SISTERS MUST FACE TRIAL

Answer Murder Charge in Connection With Death of Ocey Snead.

REPORT OF NEW JERSEY JURY

Two Indictments Against Each—Charges Each Separately With Being Principal and Accessory—The Proceedings.

New York, Dec. 22.—The three mysterious Wardlaw sisters must face trial in Essex county, New Jersey, all charged with the murder of Ocey W. M. Snead, the East Orange bath tub victim. Much as a matter of course the Essex county grand jury filed into court at Newark this afternoon and reported that two indictments had been found against all three.

One indictment charges each of the sisters with being the principal in causing Mrs. Snead's death by drowning and charges each sister also with being an accessory. The other indictment charges the three sisters collectively with causing Mrs. Snead to commit self murder."

The three sisters are Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of Mrs. Snead; Mrs. Wardlaw Snead, aunt of the victim, and also her mother in law, and Miss Virginia Wardlaw, an aunt. The latter is in the Essex county jail here and the two former are in custody in New York.

The proceedings before the grand jury were brief. Chief of Police Bell, of East Orange, told of finding the body. William J. Kinsley, a hanwriting expert, told of the "suicide notes" he had examined, but just what he swore to was not made public while physicians testified as to the condition of the body.

A. C. Snead's Statement.

Palasaide, Cal., Dec. 22.—In order as he states to stop the stories connecting him with the Snead mystery in East Orange, N. J., A. C. Snead, a brother in law of Mrs. Ocey Snead, today made a statement declaring no insurance ever had been paid on his life.

The statement follows: "The statement that an insurance policy has been paid on my life is an unqualified falsehood. In March, 1904, I took out two insurance policies on my life, each for $1,000 in a New York company in favor of my mother, Mrs. Mary Snead. After coming to Palisade and investing in an orchard I decided that it would be better to put less money into life insurance and more into my orchard and accordingly I let one of the policies lapse. I still carry one policy for $1,000 in favor of my mother.

"I have never had any insurance on my life other than the two policies above mentioned, nor have I ever applied to any insurance company or fraternal order for any other insurance. The insurance company has always known where to reach me."

AN ALARMING DECREASE.

American Oil Exporters Will Appeal to Congress.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Alarmed by a drop from one million dollars to $26,363 in mineral oil exports to France in a month, American oil exporters have begun a movement to induce Congress to renew with the French government the reciprocity treaty which expired on October 31st last. Exporters also hope for the renewal of the treaty with Spain also a large importer of American oil, which will expire on August 31st, 1910.

Notwithstanding the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty with France, the reports to the bureau for November the first month under the new order of things show larger totals in both imports and exports than in the corresponding months of last year.

Raw cotton, which is imported into France free of duty and hence is not affected by tariff changes, is largely responsible for the increase in exports while art works 20 years old and over admitted free under the new law, diamonds, and hides were responsible for the increased imports. The falling off in the imports of champaigne from France, due to the increased tariff, was most marked, declining from $584,674 in November, 1908, to $58,062 in November, 1909. The increase in the value of exports to France occurred chiefly in raw cotton an article not affected by tariff changes, sine it is imported free of duty into France.

The value of raw cotton exports to France in November, 1909, was $16,795,516, against $7,065,073 in November, 1908, this advance being due in part to higher prices.

ATLANTA MAN A SUICIDE.

Unable to Give Children a Happy Christmas He Shoots Himself.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22.—Lack of money with which to give his wife and two children their accustomed happy Christmas is believed to have caused the suicide of James L. Mock, formerly of Newark, N. J., who shot himself through the head at his home here this morning, dying a few hours later.

Mock came to Atlanta about four months ago as agent for a typewriter concern.

BLADEN COUNTY'S RAILROAD

President John A. Mills in Fayetteville, Left for Trip Over Proposed Extension to Elizabethtown—Conference.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 22.—President John A. Mills, of the Raleigh & Southport Railroad, after a conference here last night with a number of leading business men, left this morning by private conveyance, accompanied by Terry A. Lyon, Esq., and Mr. Tom Purdie, for a trip over the proposed extension of his road into Bladen county. The only authorized account of the conference with President Mills last night is contained in the Fayetteville Observer this afternoon, which says:

"At the request of a number of prominent citizens of Fayetteville, all largely interested in Bladen county, several of them sons of Bladen, Mr. John A. Mills came down from Raleigh yesterday and conferred with these gentlemen at the LaFayette Hotel last night.

"The object of the meeting was to receive from Mr. Mills definite assurance that he would extend the Raleigh & Southport from Fayetteville to Elizabethtown. The necessity of this will be understood when it is stated that everyone of the gentlemen who had asked Mr. Mills to the conference have been working like beavers for the $40,000 bond issue, which Bladen is to vote on, on Jan. 11th, for the construction of a railroad from St. Paul's to Elizabethtown.

"When Mr. Mills announced a few days ago that the Raleigh & Southport was ready to extend to Elizabethtown, these gentlemen suspended their activity in behalf of the bond issue for the St. Paul's project, for the reason that if they could be assured definitely that the Raleigh & Southport would extend from Fayetteville to Elizabethtown, that was the route they wanted. Mr. Mills had been asked several times in the past year to extend his road to Elizabethtown, but could give no definite assurances; so these gentlemen took the next best thing for their interests, and went to work to get the road from St. Paul's.

"At the meeting last night, Mr. Mills told those present that if the townships of Hollow, Bethel and Elizabethtown would vote a $40,000 bond issue for a road from Fayetteville to Elizabethtown, he was prepared now to say that the Raleigh & Southport would be extended to Elizabethtown at once; and that he would place a $10,000 bond in the hands of the County Commissioners of Bladen at their meeting on the first Monday in January, as a guarantee that the Raleigh & Southport would be completed to Elizabethtown within two years at the outset; if not, the bond would be forfeited to the school funds of these three townships voting for the bonds.

"Mr. Mills said that he thought the road could be completed within a year, but of course he could not give the bond to complete it in that short length of time. He further said that he had just returned from New York, and had made all monetary arrangements for the extension to Elizabethtown and after that on to Wilmington or Southport, when decided upon.

"After a thorough discussion of the matter, all the gentlemen present said they were entirely satisfied with Mr. Mills' statement, and that they would at once call off their efforts for the St. Paul's route, and work henceforth for the extension of the Raleigh & Southport from Fayetteville to Elizabethtown.

"The route of the R. & S. to Elizabethtown will be via Hope Mills, King Hiram, Tar Heel, and Bladen Union; going through the townships of Cross Creek, Rockfish and Gray's Creek, in Cumberland, and Hollow, Bethel and Elizabethtown in Bladen. It will open up some very rich farming and timber lands, going through a splendid territory.

"When it is remembered that the great county of Bladen has not and never has had a railroad through it, it can be readily seen of what great importance this matter is to the citizens of Bladen."

OUTLINES.

Three high government officials, Premier Yi, head minister of Korea; Arthur M. Jackson, chief magistrate of Nasak, British India, and Colonel Karpoff, chief of the secret police of St. Petersburg, were assassinated yesterday——The honors conferred upon Dr. Frederick Cook by the University of Copenhagen and Royal Georgraphic Society will not be withdrawn, as they were awarded for Arctic explorations——Ex-Mayor A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, testified in the Brokaw divorce trial yesterday. Brokaw will take the stand in his own behalf today——Senator A. J. McLaurin, of Mississippi, expired suddenly yesterday at his home at Jackson. He was serving his third term in the Senate and had a notable career——An East Orange, N. J., grand jury yesterday returned two separate indictments against each of the Wardlaw sisters, charging them with the murder of Ocey Snead——Chas. L. Warriner, accused of embezzling $643,000 from the Big Four railroad, plead guilty yesterday and was sentenced to six years in prison.——New York markets. Money on call firm, 4 1-2 to 6 per cent., ruling rate, closing bid and offered at 5. Spot cotton closed quiet, 35 points higher, middling uplands 15.75, middling gulf 16.00. Flour steady. Wheat easy, No. 2 red 1.30 asked elevator domestic and 1.29 nominal f.o.b. afloat. Corn spot easy, No. 2, 70 1-2 elevator, domestic, 71 delivered and 69 f.o.b. afloat nominal. Turpentine and rosin quiet.

THREE OFFICIALS ARE ASSASSINATED

Premier Yi, Head of Korean Cabinet, Stabbed to Death by Youth.

BOMBAY MAGISTRATE SLAIN

Killed by Natives at Theatrical Performance—Chief of Secret Service of St. Petersburg Was Killed—The Victims.

Three high government officials, the most notable being Premier Yi, of the Korean cabinet, met horrible deaths at the hands today of political assassins. The crimes committed were in widely separated portions of the world and include in addition to Premier Yi, Colonel Karpoff, chief of the secret police in St. Petersburg, Russia, and Arthur M. T. Jackson, in Bombay, British India, the chief magistrate of Nasik.

In Seoul, Korea, the prime minister of the Korean cabinet, was stabbed to death as an apparent result of the intense feeling in Korea against Japanese influence. Colonel Karpoff was blown to pieces by the explosion of a bomb thrown by supposedly an anarchist.

Arthur M. T. Jackson, was assassinated by a native for revenge and presumably as a part of the seditious movement against British official authority.

In each of the countries the governing authorities are menaced by a dangerous element directed against the existing regime.

Horrible Assassinations.

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 22.—Premier Yi, the head of the Korean cabinet, was stabbed to death early today by Yie Chaim Young, a Korean.

The attack occurred at 10 o'clock in the morning. The assailant was a young Christian who was for many years a resident of the United States. The premier was riding in his jinrikisha when the assassin came up with a long kitchen knife in his hand. He drove this twice into the abdomen of the premier and once into the latter's lung.

The assassin was immediately arrest premier's jinricksha man whom he stabbed and instantly killed.

The assasin was immediately arrested. He is a youth of about 20 years and is believed to be a member of a political secret society. The premier was removed to the hospital.

Yi was always credited with fostering anti-Japanese sentiment in Korea. He bitterly opposed the faction among the Koreans which favored annexation to Japan and refused to present a petition for annexation to the Korean emperor. Notwithstanding Yi's known sentiments in regard to the relations between Japan and Korea, Marquis Ito regarded Yi as an honest and conscientious patriot and refused to listen to the premier's repeated requests that he be allowed to resign his office. It is believed that the assassination is the result of political intrigue.

Chief Magistrate Slain.

Bombay, British India, Dec. 22.—Arthur Mason Tippetts Jackson, chief magistrate of Nasak, in the presidency of Bombay, was assassinated by a native while attending a theatrical performance last night.

The motive for the deed is supposed to have been a wish for a revenge upon the magistrate who had recently sentenced a criminal to life imprisonment.

Nasak is a bot-bed of sedition. Jackson had been in the British Indian service since 1888.

Blown to Pieces by Bomb.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Colonel Karpoff, chief of the secret police of St. Petersburg, was assassinated early today. He had been enticed to a modest apartment in a remote street of the Viborg district and there was blown to pieces by a bomb exploded, supposedly, by his host, one Michael Vosskressensky.

The murderer rushed into the street following the explosion and was captured. An assistant of Karpoff, who had accompanied him, was severely injured.

Karpoff was appointed from Baku, where he had been chief of the secret police.

"SLEEPER TRUNK" SMUGGLER.

Series of Arrests Will be Made All Over the Country.

New York, Dec. 22.—Collector of the Port William Loeb, Jr., today declared that the arrests here in the "sleeper trunk" smuggling cases are but the beginning of a series of arrests that will follow all over the country, even extending to the Pacific Ocean.

"It has been discovered that the importation of costly goods through this port without payment of duties," Mr. Loeb said, "was the result of a far-reaching plot, the head of which was a former United States custom official, who made his headquarters in Paris and who has since died."

Twenty-six out of 27 men and women dress makers, indicted by the Federal grand jury for participation in the alleged frauds have now been arrested in this city, in Chicago and in Boston.

Practically all of the defendants have given bail for their apearance on January 3rd.

ARCHITECTS ARE IN SESSION

North Carolina Association at Raleigh—Several Charters Granted—Christmas Liquors In. State Fair Contest.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—The North Carolina Association of Architects met in semi-annual session here today and will also be in session through Thursday forenoon. The officers of the association are Joseph Leitner, Wilmington, president, and Franklin Gordon, Charlotte, secretary-treasurer. Informal discussions of technical and professional matters took up the time of the association today. There will be a number of papers read on various topics bearing on architecture. There are about 25 architects in attendance.

E. P. Wood, of Virginia, has been appointed assistant State veterinarian by the State Board of Agriculture to succeed Dr. Hartman, resigned. He will take up his duties January 1st.

The Neal-Wilson Co., Charlotte, was chartered today with $60,000 capital authorized and $6,000 subscribed for mercantile business, W. R. Neal and J. E. Wilson being the incorporators.

Other charters are for the Surry Manufacturing Co., Mt. Airy, capital $10,000 by R. A. Love and others; The W. W. Ashe Co., Andrews, N. C., capital $20,000 for lumber business, W. W. Ashe principal incorporator, and The J. A. Glenn Co., Winston-Salem, capital $30,000 by J. A. Glenn and others for business of packers' agents, commission merchants, real estate, stocks and bonds.

The advisory board of the State Fair has passed on the protest that was made against the first prize of $400 for the best individual farm exhibit going to W. H. Robbins, deciding that Robbins was entitled to the prize, which was paid half by the fair association and half by the State Department of Agriculture. The protest has been pending for three weeks and was made by H. B. Bagwell, manager of the Waverly Farm, on the ground that Mr. Robbins had material in his exhibit other than that raised on his own farm.

Mr. Robbins, it will be remembered, admitted that he had bought exhibit material, but insisted that this was when he contemplated a county exhibit, and that in presenting to the judges his individual exhibit all the purchased material was taken out.

This morning Capt. C. N. Allen, who was one of the Fair directors in charge of the agricultural exhibits, was brought in as a witness by Mr. Robbins and testified that Mr. Robbins had explained to him the situation as to the purchased material at the time and that he saw him remove it before the judges visited and passed on his exhibit.

Mr. Bagwell, who has been prosecuting the case, did not appear this morning. In fact, he withdrew from the affair at the former hearing and then the advisory board felt that it was incumbent on the fair management to sift the affair to the bottom in spite of the fact that the prosecutor had withdrawn from the case. It is expected that the directors of the Fair will at the meeting early in January adopt the recommendation of the advisory board and put an end to the trouble.

Raleigh's installment of Christmas liquors is coming in now in remarkable quantities daily through express shipments. There were three solid cars one day this week and other days there are great truck loads of crated jugs and bottles, to say nothing of barrels of bottled goods. Then only a few days ago revenue officers raided a suspected blind tiger here and found barrels of whiskey that had been shipped into the city as near beer, the first three layers of the bottles being near beer and the remainder pint and half-pint flasks of whiskey. So it is a safe supposition that there is a goodly amount of whiskey coming in "masked" in this and other ways so that suspicion may not be directed to the "tiger", through receiving large quantities of whiskey. The police say that for every blind tiger that is taken in custody two or three seem to spring up in its place.

Governor Kitchin commissions Judge George H. Brown as a member of the North Carolina delegation to the National Congress for Uniform legislation at Washington January 17 to 19.

The Lee County Cotton Oil Co. is chartered, with $50,000 capital by O. D. Barber, J. P. Barringer and others to operate cotton oil mills.

The North Carolina Association of Architects enjoyed a sumptuous banquet at the Yarborough Hotel tonight with C. C. Hook, of Charlotte, as toastmaster. Thirty-five architects and special guests were present. The Association especially desires to procure the creation of a State Board of Examiners to license architects instead of having no restrictions or requirements either as to character or proficiency as is now the case. A bill in the last Legislature was designated to create this board but failed to pass. Dr. H. A. Royster, president of the Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the architects this afternoon and the response was by President J. F. Leffner, of Wilmington.

NEGRO CUTS BOYS' THROAT.

Fearful Tragedy Last Night at Asheville—Assailant Escapes.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 22.—Because he resented being pushed off the sidewalk, by a negro, who had been drinking, Lloyd Morris, white, aged 20, had his throat cut by the former tonight and he is now in the hospital in a critical condition. The boy's assailant ran and was lost in the darkness.

DR. COOK RETAINS TITLES OF HONOR

Conferred Upon Him in Recognition of Arctic Explorations.

AS TO PEARY POLAR DATA

Admiral Schley Things it No More Than Justice to Have Records Examined by Copenhagen—Nanson Denounces Cook.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—It is not believed that either the University of Copenhagen or the Royal Geographical Society will withdraw the honors which they conferred on Dr. Frederick A. Cook. Officials of the University say that the institution did not bestow the degree as a reward for the discovery of the pole, but merely in recognition of Dr. Cook's Arctic explorations.

The Royal Geographical Society takes the same ground.

Nanson Flays Cook.

Christiania, Dec. 22.—Friedtjof Nanson, the Norwegian Arctic explorer, today broke his long silence and talked of the Peary-Cook controversy.

"It is my opinion," he said, "that Cook is no longer interesting. He is practically a dead man and ought to vanish from the consideration of the world. I never trusted him, for the first report which he made did not inspire confidence, especially his statements concerning the distance of 14 seconds from the pole. This proved that Cook was ignorant of the simplest principles of astronomical observation. Even his later reports contained nothing of value, on the contrary they were filled with improbabilities and contradictions.

"From the first I was unable to support Dr. Cook. I therefore preferred to keep silent. As for Peary I never doubted his veracity although I should not approve of his behavior after his return. However, it is easy to understand his indignation. At least he is a man, and there is no comparison between him and Cook."

Now Peary's Records.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Reaffirming his complete confidence in Dr. Cook, Rear Admiral W. S. Schley, retired, today called publicly upon Commander Peary, to submit his proofs that he reached the North Pole to some scientific body other than the National Geographic Society. This, the admiral declares should be done at once in the interests of justice and to establish beyond question the claims of Peary.

The admiral believes that the same body which threw out and repudiated Cook's data should be permitted to pass upon the data submitted by Peary to the Geographic Society.

"The Danes are the best posted body of men in the world on Arctic matters," he said. "The consistory of the University of Copenhagen should be given the opportunity to examine the Peary proofs, for in that way they would be submitted to the same test that was applied to those of Cook. The consistory, which was regarded by the civilized world as more than friendly to Dr. Cook showed by its action in turning down the explorer that it holds the scales of justice, as it sees them, evenly and honestly." Moreover Admiral Schley believes that the submission of the proofs to Copenhagen should be insisted upon by Peary despite whatever the National Geographic Society's attitude may be.

Admiral Schley declined to say on what grounds he took exception to the finding of the scientists of the University of Copenhagen that Cook had not been at the North Pole. He merely re-affirmed his belief in the explorer, adding that he believed also that Peary, too, had gained the top of the earth.

The importance of the admiral's demand is increased by the fact that he has had wide experience in the far North. In 1884 he was in command of the Thetis Expedition, which resulted in the rescue of Lieutenant Greeley and six men, who had been cast away at Cape Sabine, and whom the civilized world had practically given up for lost. For this rescue Schley, then a captain in the service, was awarded a gold watch and a vote of thanks by the Maryland legislature and a medal of honor by the Massachusetts Humane Society.

Members of the National Geographic Society declined to discuss the suggestion of the retired naval officer. The society is still smarting under the somewhat curt reply made by the University of Copenhagen to its request that a committee representing the society be permitted to be present when Dr. Cook's data was examined.

Still Believe In Cook.

"The ladies of Denmark will never believe that Dr. Cook was wrong, and my daughter, who is with me, will weep when she hears the report," said Dr. Maurice F. Egan, American minister to Denmark, who arrived here today whom the Danes now partly blame for his strong partisanship of Dr. Cook, which led them to recognize the American explorer as the discoverer of the North Pole.

Dr. Egan talked freely regarding his own part in the enthusiastic reception

of Dr. Cook at Copenhagen which led to the acclaim of Dr. Cook as a hero all over the civilized world.

"What I did for Dr. Cook," said the minister, "I don't believe influenced the Danes appreciably in their reception of the explorer. Cook reached Copenhagen with a story of polar conquest which there was no reason to doubt. Danish explorers vouched for Cook's standing in the world of discovery and received him with open arms.

"Officially, I did practically nothing for Cook, but to supply him with clothing and give him a small reception which newspaper men attended," continued Dr. Egan. "His presentation to the King came about as a result of the Crown Prince's desire to meet the explorer. At the Prince's request I took Cook to the palace, where he met the members of the royal family.

"It can hardly be denied that the fact that Cook was an American helped him gain immediate credit for his stop, for the Danish people are great admirers of Americans."

Reverting to the decision of the University of Copenhagen against Dr. Cook, Minister Egan said:

"I can't bring myself to believe that Cook deliberately set out to deceive the world. I still think that Cook is an honest man, who believes that he had accomplished what he claimed, and must have been mistaken through lack of scientific knowledge."

Peary's Second Adventure.

New York, Dec. 22.—Commander Peary very strongly intimated tonight in a speech at the banquet of the New England Society that the expedition which he led successfully to the North Pole might also try for the South Pole. However, he did not commit himself definitely as to his own share in such an expedition.

"The Stars and Stripes have been planted at the pole" said Peary.

"It would seem a fitting sequel to that work if the organization, the personnel, the material, the equipment, the methods, so perfected, might be directed toward the South Pole with the possibility that the Stars and Stripes might wave at both ends of the earth's axis."

Commander Peary's reference to the "personnel" was taken by many of the diners to mean that he himself might lead such an expedition into the Antarctic as he proposed, and wild applause greeted it. But those familiar with Peary's repeated and positive declarations that he is done with further frigid explorations forever believed that he meant to exclude himself.

J. Pierpont Morgan, Commander Robert E. Peary, Charles Nagel, secretary of Commerce and Labor, Frank Hitchcock, Postmaster General, and President Harry A. Garfield, of Williams College, were among the more than 350 guests who attended the 104th annual festival dinner of the New England Society of New York at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight. Seth Low was toastmaster.

Peary Ready to Assist.

Asked unequivocally after the banquet if he intended to lead such an expedition, Peary said: "I am prepared to assist in the organization of such an expedition to set out from the United States in an endeavor to reach the South Pole."

This reply, evidently carefully worded, still leaves open the main question at issue.

Party to Mt. McKinley.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Dec. 22.—The expedition that was organized several months ago to attempt to reach the summit of Mount McKinley and disprove or verify Dr. Cook's story, set out from Fairbanks today with a dog team and supplies to establish a base at the foot of the mountain, to be ready to make a dash for the summit in March at the first break in the Winter.

The party is composed of six hardy Alaska pioneers, all familiar with the mountain. They will forfeit $5,000 if none of the party reaches the summit.

About Cook's Membership.

Rudolph Kersting, newly elected treasurer of the club, who accompanied Dr. Cook on the Greenland expedition in 1894 and in 1901 to Alaska, broached the subject of Dr. Cook's membership. He argued that the University of Copenhagen after a studied and thorough investigation had declared Dr. Cook an impostor and favored immediate steps to dismiss him from the club.

"By his hoax he has disgraced the Arctic Club said Mr. Kersting.

Instantly the meeting was thrown into an uproar and the debating that ensued was long and stormy.

WARRINER GETS SIX YEARS

Former Treasurer of Big Four Road Pleads Guilty to Embezzlement.

Cincinnati, O. Dec. 22.—With a historical plea that sentence be pronounced immediately Chales L. Warriner, defaulting local treasurer of the Big Four Railroad, today pleaded guilty to embezzlement, and was sentenced to six years hard labor in the State penitentiary.

The sentence brings to a close one chapter, at least, of the story of a theft of $643,000 with its attendant charges of years of blackmail with a woman as the alleged dominant figure.

Warriner will make one more public appearance before the doors of the penitentiary close behind him. On next Monday, Mrs. Jeanette Stewart Ford, the woman in the case, will be brought to trial on a charge of blackmail and the principal witness against her will be the man whom she is alleged to have driven from crime to crime for ten years.

Warriner may be brought to trial on numerous other counts, but Prosecutor Hunt said that this would not be done unless it was found later that the prisoner had concealed part of the proceeds of his thefts.

GALES DAMAGE SHIPPING

It Is Believed That Steamer and Crew Are Lost.

London, Dec. 2.—Gales in Great Britain have done much damage to shipping. The railway company's steamer Rostrevor which left Greenore, a head land of Ireland, at 11 o'clock Tuesday night and which was due at Holyhead, Wales, at 5 A. M. Wednesday, a distance of about 75 miles, across St. Georges channel, has not yet been reported and it is feared she has foundered. She carried a crew of 24 souls and a few passengers.

No letter without the stamp—this Christmas stamp.

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"LITTLE TIM" SULLIVAN DEAD.

Well Known New York Politician Passed Away Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 22.—Timothy P. Sullivan, the "Little Tim" of the Bowery, and a power in metropolitan politics, died here tonight after an illness of more than six months.

Death resulted from Bright's disease and inflammation of the heart. Just when "Little Tim" was born history does not record, but he died in early middle life, worn out, say his friends, by overwork. At the time of his death he was chairman of the finance committee of the board of aldermen. Always active in politics he had at one time or other been a member of the State Legislature and acting mayor of the city. "Big Tim," Timothy D. Sullivan, the State Senator, is now the only one of the famous Sullivan left.

"Little Tim" when he first started to work a mere boy, "run copy" for the newspaper man from the tombs police court to their offices. Later he went into partnership with "Big Tim," in a saloon.

"Little Tim's" funeral will be held Friday morning and the pallbearers will include politicians great and small from throughout the greater city. "Little Tim" never drank intoxicants nor smoked. His refraining from liquor he explained tersely with the declaration that "a boozer can never succeed."

Not long ago "Little Tim" returned from Hot Springs, Va., where he went with the hope of regaining his health. But although he had picked up some strength his condition remained serious and for several weeks past his death had been almost daily expected. To his widow will go a considerable fortune.

Like the other Sullivans' "Little Tim" was counted a rich man. He had extensive contracting interests and was interested in a multitude of enterprises in the greater city.

FUNERAL OF KING LEOPOLD.

Impressive Services Over Former Belgian Ruler—Ceremony.

Brussels, Dec. 22.—The body of Leopold II., King of Belgians, was placed today in the royal burial vault in the church of St. Mary at Laeken the suburban residence of the royal family. Near it rest the body of his queen Marie Henriette, the Princess Josephine and the young Duke of Brabant.

The funeral and burial were conducted with all the pomp and ceremony of which the state was capable, despite the wish expressed by the monarch in his will that the obsequies should be of the simplest.

A holiday had been proclaimed and thousands of persons filled the streets during the services. Early in the day the body was taken from the royal palace to the Cathedral of St. Michael and Ste Gagule, where impressive funeral rites were held. From the church the cortege moved to Laeken, where repose the bones of Leopold I., Queen Louise and those of Leopold's immediately family whom he had survived.

A torrential rain accompanied by a driving wind ushered in the funeral day of King Leopold II, but as the imposing military party left the imperial palace and slowly moved to the cathedral the downpour ceased, the gale died away and there remained such a dull gray morning as signalled the sovereigns death.

The scene was impressive as the cortege passed through the streets whose crowds massed on the side walks, at the windows and upon the balconies and roofs, paid respectful homage.

WILL HOLD AERO MEET.

Los Angeles' Meet Approved by the Aero Club of America.

New York, Dec. 22.—The board of directors of the Aero Club of America has directed the president to sanction the proposed aeroplane meet at Los Angeles, Cal., providing he is satisfied that all of the rules of the International Aeronautical Federation and the Aero Club of America are fulfilled.

The condition provided by the rules of these organizations first declare that neither organization shall be in any way involved in any exhibition for the flights of dirigibles or aeroplanes, but they do not prohibit the Los Angeles Club from conducting such exhibitions solely on its own account. The rules to be lived up to by America must have the right to confirm the awards of prizes by the judges and that such prizes must not be awarded until so approved. They also declare that no pilot licensed by the Aero Club of America may participate in a contest in which there is an unlicensed pilot.

The president of the Aero Club of America was authorized to attend the Los Angeles meet, to satisfy himself that the conditions were fully met and that the money and prizes offered were available.

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The South spends upwards of one hundred millions of dollars a year for shoes. Less than one-fourth of this immense sum of money is spent for Southern-made shoes. Less than one-fourth of the South's shoe money goes to build up Southern industry—to increase Southern factory holdings—to increase the opportunity for employment in Southern shoe factories—to increase the wages and buying power of those who are or might be so employed. Less than one-fourth of the shoe trade in the South is home trade—and home trade is what the South needs.

Home trade—the purchase of Southern productions with Southern money—is the one easiest, surest and quickest route to home prosperity.

Why don't Southern men buy more Southern-made shoes? Are Southern-made shoes of less value? Do Southern-made shoes cost more money? Is the South unable to supply her own demand?

The resources and capabilities of the South are enormous. We have not yet begun to test their limit. We can make everything we need and sell to the whole world beside. Yet we are guilty of neglecting our own enterprises, at a huge cost to ourselves.

Are Southern-made shoes inferior? The fact is that The Craddock-Terry Co., in Lynchburg, Va., make the best shoe in the world that is sold for the popular price of $3.50. The Craddock "West End" factory is one of the largest and best equipped shoe factories in the world devoted exclusively to the making of men's fine shoes.

You can buy a *Craddock Shoe* for $3.50 that has all the snap and style found in $5 and $6 shoes. Fine leathers, shaped on scientifically modeled lasts, fine workmanship and durability. No other $3.50 shoe offered for sale to-day is so honestly constructed of such honest stuff all the way through.

Can the South supply her own demand? The Craddock Shoe at $3.50 is considered so good—such fine "shoe value"—by Southern shoe merchants that, in spite of the immense competition of far-away manufacturers, more Craddock Shoes are sold in Southern States than of any other one competing line. Can you afford to pay more and get less? Can you afford to send your money away when to keep it at home means bigger and better business.

Money spent for Craddock Shoes stays in the South. It pays the wages of Southern labor. It pays the salaries of Craddock salesmen who live in Southern States. It pays Southern grocers and butchers and bakers. It builds factories, it buys building materials. It pays freight. It means a greater demand for labor, better railroad facilities, better schools, higher wages, improvement, development and the good things of life that increased activity in the South means for Southern people. Every shoe worn in the South ought to be a Southern-made shoe. The best shoe made in the South at the price is the Craddock Shoe, $3.50 and $4.00.

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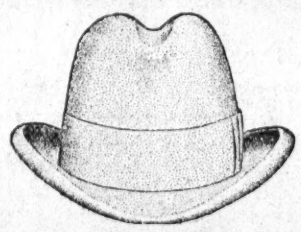

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Heating Stoves.
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Figured Mugs, 15c.
Boys' Axes.
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¶News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina. : : : : : : : : : :

Tree Crushes Kitchen.

Greensboro News: The kitchen in the rear of C. G. Wright's residence was wrecked yesterday afternoon by a large tree, which in cutting fell the wrong way. Workmen had been cutting down some dead trees in the yard and one of the largest failed to respond to the pulls of guy ropes, falling squarely across the top of the kitchen and mashing it flat. Fortunately no one was in the room at the time and the workmen managed to dodge the limbs and flying timbers.

Quarries Reorganized.

Salisbury Post: A reorganization of the Esson Company, which controls the splendid group of granite quarries in and around Granite Quarry, is expected about the first of the year. While nothing official is given out it is learned from an entirely reliable source that Mr. Charles J. Harris, one of the most prominent and wealthiest business men in Western North Carolina, is so much impressed with the property and its ability to earn money that he is considering a plan of reorganization in which he will figure prominently . The operation of the quarries continues under the direction of Mr. George R. Collins, receiver, and a big lot of work is turned out eevry week.

Teacher Let Himself be "Run."

Greensboro News: Oak Ridge, Dec. 21.—The principal of the Stokesdale graded school was met yesterday morning at his school by a delegation of his pupils and a few backers and given the choice of giving an old fashioned treat, taking a blacking, or sending in his resignation. He chose the latter and sent in his resignation to take effect immediately. He then left, turning over the school to his assistant who held the morning exercises and dismissed the school for two weeks. The committee is on the outlook for a principal and the aiders and abettors are trembling in their boots for fear of prosecution.

Boy Did the Job.

Wadesboro Ansonian: We like to commend the boy who tries. A few days ago Mr. S. W. Birmingham, a local contractor, was compelled to go away for a day and leave a house he was preparing to move.. David Cox, an 18-year-old boy, was the only person he had to leave in charge. But that boy had watched, with his eyes open, too, the methods employed, and when told to take the three colored men and do the best he could with the job, he had confidence enough in himself to try . The result was that his employer returned at night to find the house 100 yards from where he left it, although a deep canal had been crossed. The boy contractor had bridged that and carried his house all the way.

"THE RETURN FROM ELBA."

Col. Jake Newell Already Playing the Big Bazoo in Front Rank.

(Salisbury Post.)

"If Roosevelt returns to the United States at the psychological moment and says the right thing he will be the Republican nominee for President in 1912," declared Col. Jake F. Newell, of Charlotte, leader of the Republican forces in Mecklenburg and one of the party leaders in the State, to a Post representative last night .

"President Taft is not popular with the rank and file in this State," continued Mr. Newell "They regard his policies as affecting the party's future just as a great many Democrats did Cleveland's policy as it affected the Democratic party."

"What about the internecine differences in your party? Is Butler still a factor to be reckoned with?" Col. Newell was asked.

"Indeed he is. Butler can come nearer rallying the rank and file of the Republican party of North Carolina than any man in the State. That part of the party that has lost faith in Butler is very small. Consider the great number of Populist that followed him into the Republican party. Not only these but their sons, who have become voters since Butler led the Populist party in this State, believe in him almost to a man. The younger generation have had Butler preached to them by their sires and they are just as loyal to him as their elders."

"Will Butler be on the grounds when the Republicans meet next year?"

"I am quite sure he will if he is still in the frame of mind he was when I talked with him last."

Col. Newell came up to appear for Harvey Jarvis, the young white man in jail charged with abandonment. The trial was not held until this morning, however ,and Col. Newell returned to Charlotte last night.

WRECK SUFFERERS.

Ten Out of Twenty-Eight Still in Hospital.

(Greensboro News.)

With two patients discharged yesterday, only ten of the 28 who were carried to the hospital as a result of the wreck of No. 11 at Reedy Fork trestle last Wednesday morning, now remain. Robert Phillips ,of Petersburg, and Mr. McBrayer, of Anderson, S. C., left yesterday for their homes, the condition of both, while still serious, not being considered alarming. Mr. Phillips was removed to the home of his sister on Lee street where he will remain until entirely recovered.

Frank Smith, the young man of Danville, and who was making his first trip over the road, is still unconscious, though his condition is now considered favorable, the physician reporting last night that his chances for a complete recovery were better than at any time since the wreck. W. T. Carter, Southern Railway auditor, of Danville, Va., is getting along nicely and expects to leave for home Friday. All of the other patients are getting along nicely.

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FOOL NEGRO AND PISTOL.

Fayetteville Merchant Had Narrow Escape in Hardware Store.

(Fayetteville Observer 22nd.)

The city is rejoicing today in the escape from serious harm of Mr. Walter Watson, in whose hands a pistol accidentally went off Saturday, sending a bullet through the middle of the index finger of his left hand. Mr. Watson has been a master gun smith from youth, learning the trade in London, coming to this city at the outbreak of the civil war and lending his talent to the Confederacy. Since the war, though he has conducted large enterprises he has retained a love for his old trade, and at odd moments he still indulges in it. In all that length of time, handling weapons of various sorts, he has never had an accident.

Yesterday a negro man walked into his hardware store and handing Mr. Watson a pistol said he wanted it repaired. Mr. Watson did not notice that the fool of a negro had handed him a loaded pistol with the trigger cocked, and when he started to examine it, the thing went of, sending a 32 callibre bullet through the index finger of the left hand, just barely missing his head. The negro's name could not be learned, as he fled in fright as soon as the explosion took place.

FIRE NEAR SPRING HOPE.

State Normal Girl to Wed En Route Home For Holidays.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Spring Hope, N. C., Dec. 22.—Rev. George Robbins, a much respected colored man, lost his dwelling, smoke house, barn and stables and their entire contents by fire this afternoon. His home is two miles from Spring Hope and the whole family was at Spring Hope at the time of the fire.

Cecil S. Hales, Cashier of the Spring Hope Banking Company, left tonight for Selma, where he will meet and wed tomorrow morning Miss Beula Matthews, daughter of I. E. Matthews, of this place, and a student at the State Normal at Greensboro. There is objection on account of the youthfulness of the girl, but Mr. Hales has license from Smithfield and will wed tomorrow. Miss Matthews is not expected home until Friday and there will be some surprised folks when the couple arrive here tomorrow morning as man and wife.

AFFAIRS AT ROCKY MOUNT.

Young Georgian Involved in Burglary —Two Small Fires Tuesday.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 22.—As the result of another dose of the "third degree" by the police, Allen Culpepper, held for the burglary of the blacksmith shop of Mr. J. W. Farmer Saturday night, Noble Newby 17 years old, of Westrays, has been implicated, landed in jail and a part of the stolen property recovered. Both have been bound over to Recorder's court under bonds of $150 each. Culpepper has arranged for bond through his parents at Savannah, Ga.

Two alarms of fire were sent in yesterday afternoon. The residence of Mr. Joe Lancaster, on South Washington street, was destroyed entailing a loss of about $1,000 with $600 insurance. Last night the burning out of a chimney at the residence of Mr. E. P. Laird, on Sunset avenue, also called out the department but there was no damage.

CUMBERLAND VETERANS.

Nine Thousand in Pensions For Ex-Confederates.

(Fayetteville Observer.)

Major A. A. McKethan, Clerk of the Superior Court, has been busy since last Friday, issuing State warrants to the Confederate pensioners of Cumberland county. This year the old Veterans get $8,638.00 from the State and $973.20 from the county, a special tax having been voted two years ago for this purpose.

There is one pensioner of the first class, who gets $72 from the State and $8.60 from the county; eight of the second class who get $60 from the State and $7.20 from the county; 8 of the third class who get $84 from the State and $5.75 from the county; 208 of the fourth class who get $26 from the State and $3 from the county; 79 widows, who get $26 from the State and $3 from the county, and two blind who get $120 each, a total of $9,611.20.

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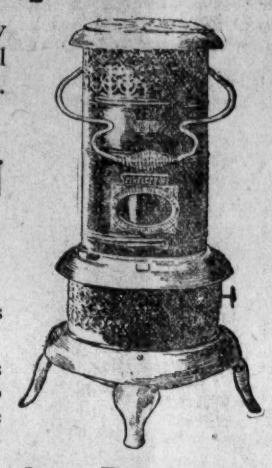

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Clarke's Sunny South Rye,	3.35	6.00	3.75	10.00
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WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00 4:30 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Lumina at 7:45, 9:15, and 10:45 A. M., 12:15 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Lumina at 9:45 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:25, 6:50, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:00, 8:30 10:00, 11:30 A M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 6:20, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M. 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 6:35, 8:00 10:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:35, 7:00 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P M

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Durham	1:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Lynchburg	2:30 p.m.	2:18 a.m.
Cincinnati	7:30 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Columbus	6:45 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
Chicago	5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m.
St Louis	7:28 p.m.	8:30 a.m.

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No. 40—1:15 P. M.—From Hamlet.

No. 44—12:20 A. M.—From Charlotte and Hamlet.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for all points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis and Charlotte, with No. 84 and No. 92 for Washington and New York and Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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STATEMENT OF CONDITION

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RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$4,071,642.48
U. S. Bonds (at par)	551,000.00
Bank Building	25,000.00
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Cash and Due by Banks	1,408,349.42
	$6,226,412.40

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$ 550,000.00
Surplus and Net Profit	351,423.93
Circulation	550,000.00
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
Deposits	4,674,988.47
	$6,226,412.40

DEPOSITS.

November 16th, 1907	$2,125,502.71
November 16th, 1908	$3,075,047.52
November 16th, 1909	$4,674,988.47

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NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48. Daily.	No. 42. Daily
Lv. Wilmington	8:45 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:00 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:09 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:55 pm	*8:35 am
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	4:05 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	4:40 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:00 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:20 am	9:16 am
Ar. W. Philadelphia	3:40 am	11:35 pm
Ar. New York	6:30 am	2:00 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41. Daily.	No. 49. Daily.
Lv. New York	3:25 pm	9:25 pm
Lv. W. Philadelphia	5:44 pm	12:19 am
Lv. Baltimore	8:20 pm	2:46 am
Lv. Washington	10:00 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk	3:20 pm	8:25 am
Lv. Richmond	1:20 am	8:15 am
Lv. Petersburg	1:35 am	9:13 am
Lv. Weldon	3:40 am	11:35 am
Lv. Rocky Mount	5:05 am	12:50 pm
Lv. Wilson	5:49 am	2:09 pm
Lv. Goldsboro	6:35 am	3:05 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:30 am	6:10 pm

WEST AND SOUTH.

	51.	53	via Wilson. 42
Lv. Wilmington	6:00 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Florence	9:25 am	7:25 pm	4:01 am
Ar. Columbia	1:00 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Augusta	3:00 pm		
Ar. Atlanta	8:20 pm		
Ar. Nashville	6:30 am		
Ar. Memphis	3:50 pm		
Ar. Louisville	1:10 pm		
Ar. Con'ti	4:35 pm		
Ar. Charleston	1:15 pm	11:20 pm	7:05 am
Ar Savannah	3:55 pm	2:20 am	9:30 am
Ar. Jacksonville	8:15 pm	7:15 am	1:30 pm
Ar. Tampa	7:00 am	7:00 pm	10:25 pm

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	50 Daily.	54 Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:30 am
Lv. Jacksonville	7:30 am	7:45 pm
Lv. Savannah	11:55 am	12:15 am
Lv. Charleston	4:25 pm	5:10 am
Lv. Columbia	4:25 pm	6:00 am
Lv. Augusta	2:45 pm	
Lv. Florence	8:03 pm	9:25 am
Ar. Wilmington	11:30 pm	1:25 pm

WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

Westbound. 53 Daily.		Eastbound. 52 Daily.
8:40 AM	Lv. Wilmington Ar.	8:05 PM
11:45 AM	Ar. Fayetteville Lv.	4:50 PM
12:10 PM	Lv. Fayetteville Ar.	4:45 PM
1:40 PM	Ar. Sanford Lv.	3:30 PM

WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

Northbound. 62 Daily except Sunday.		Southbound. 63
3:25 PM	Lv. Wilmington Ar.	12:50 PM
5:17 PM	A. Jacksonville Lv.	10:55 AM
6:44 PM	Ar. N. & S. Jct. Lv.	9:35 AM
6:50 PM	Ar. Newbern Lv.	9:30 AM

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Thursday, December 23.

CHANCE TO QUENCH A "STAR."

Colonel Jake Newell, of Charlotte, "leader of the Republican forces in Mecklenburg county," doubtless has his own good and sufficient reasons for lending himself this early in the game as a willing advocate of the "Return from Elba Movement." Mr. Newell has had himself regularly interviewed in the attitude of a prophet and is therefore ready to stand forth with his record on straight in the event that Roosevelt the Sudden should happen to return in fact to make a scramble of the nicely mixed Republican omelette. From the fact that the interview is given at all, it may be readily surmised that Colonel Jake is just getting his flattened form back into shape after an experience with the steam roller, and that he is in a frame of mind where he is ready to "break eggs" in anybody or anything, not excepting the orotund ambitions of the rotund and amiable Taft.

Whatever may be Mr. Newell's feelings, and however in need of salve his political hurts, he does not strengthen his imaginative case when he includes in the national re-entry of Roosevelt the resumption of State control by Marion Butler. Hear him say it, if you will:

"Butler can come nearer rallying the rank and file of the Republican party of North Carolina than any man in the State. That part of the party that has lost faith in Butler is very small. Consider the great number of Populists that followed him into the Republican party. Not only these but their sons, who have become voters since Butler led the Populist party in this State, believe in him almost to a man. The younger generation has had Butler preached to them by their sires and they are just as loyal to him as to their elders."

Colonel Jake is certainly "in bad." Because he is without the fold which Adams is supposed to guard, may be sufficient reason for him to oppose the Administration responsible for the continuation of Adams' power in local Republican politics, for the simple reason that the facts eliminate Col. Jake from consideration by the Administration. He can only hope for another. But it only weakens the case for him to try to gall Adams by vaunting Butler. The latter is not only discredited with all parties ,but is practically expatriated to Washington, where he makes one of that band of "has beens" which clings to the shreds of former acquaintance as colleagues with men still active in politics at the Capital. Comparatively few of the Populists followed him into Republican ranks ,and these in the main followed only when they saw a bundle of fodder ahead of their noses. The great mass of the Populists whom Butler misled returned to the Democratic party, their faith only strengthened by having been made the cat's paws of unscrupulous ambition. And the talk about a "young generation" growing up to reverence the works of Butler, who has turned his back upon everything which he professed in the day when he had a following, is either the most foolish or the most pessimistic estimate of the young men of the present day that could have been made.

It is true that many signs give color to the "Return from Elba" conspiracy. We welcome it, not because we prefer Roosevelt to Taft, but because, as we see it, the success of the movement holds out the most tangible of the yet early hopes of Democratic success. Four years of peace and progress under Taft, even with the tariff kept in the foreground as a live and growing issue, would, with Taft a candidate to succeed himself, leave little hope for a Democratic candidate. Roosevelt's personality, his political shrewdness, and his absolute selfishness make it possible that he may take the next Republican nomination, which to a great extent is within the gift of the Southern delegates. But he could not "break the South," and he could not lead the North. Under such circumstances, with a strong Democrat at the head of the ticket, with Mr. Bryan definitely gagged so far as speaking with authority is concerned ,the Northern fear and the country-wide industrial and commercial dread of Roosevelt might—just possibly—make of the Democracy's next national battle a fight for victory, instead of a struggle for the maintenance of an all but hopeless tradition.

If we understand the temper of the country, the time is coming when the sober, earnest and busy masses of the people would turn out with real pleasure to aid in Quenching a certain persistent "Star of Destiny." The Star is rising, but its setting is in sight.

UNCLE JOE AS A BRYANITE.

Now that all the furor between "Uncle Joe" Cannon and the insurgents has subsided by the simple method of the insurgents finding themselves no match for their enemy, even when it comes to billingsgate, Major E. J. Hale, of the Fayetteville Observer, comes along and prints that about Cannon which will come nearer getting under his hide than all the abuse, fulminate, oratory, and execration hurled at that good (we beg pardon) bad and wicked grey head.

Major Hale's charge, quoting from a man who has written a book on the "American Congress", and bolstered no doubt by the files of the Congressional Record, is that your Uncle Joseph—now the "Patron Saint" of the "Interests", the titular head of the "Trusts", the "Little Father" of the "Money Power", and the "Grandma" of the "Tariff", as well as the "Bogey Man" of all that is pure, wholesome and uplifting in our civic and moral life—was so lately as 1893—whisper it softly!—not only in favor of the purchase of fifty-cent silver for seventy-five cents, but was actually following the leadership of Insurgent William Jennings Bryan in a filibuster against the repeal of the Sherman Silver Purchase Act. Major Hale does not blame Uncle Joe for this—rather, could he commend Cannon at all, he would perhaps do it when making the digclosure—but we will wager that if anything could make the stiff and hard-headed Speaker writhe, it would be this.

Listen, then, to the disgraceful story of the youthful error of Joseph G. Cannon, aetat 57, as narrated by the Fayetteville Observer, quoting, as we said, from exact authority:

"When the Senate bill got back to the House for concurrence in some slight amendments, an attempt at a filibuster was made. Said a contemporary reporter: 'Chevalier Bryan, of Nebraska, stood like Horatius at the bridge with his quiver full of dilatory motions.' But the filibuster was choked by Speaker Crisp and on the final vote only 76 Democrats and five Republicans resisted the demands of the President that the purchasing clause of the Sherman act be repealed unconditionally. It was a great triumph for Mr. Cleveland, and it led to the settlement of the vexing problem of the coinage question. Mr. Cleveland had established the power of the Presidency in legislation.

"But now the 61st Congress is with us, perhaps one of the most interesting recollections of the extra session of 1893 is that one of the 23 'insurgent' Republicans who supported Mr. Bryan's futile filibuster, was that fearless champion of free silver, Joseph G. Cannon, a representative in Congress from the State of Illinois."

What a pity the "motion picture" devices were not then developed. What a picture it would make at this day to see Horatius Bryan,—insurging over the House when he should have been standing on the bridge, it is true, but still Horatius for all that—climbing over chairs to storm the Sepaker's seat, hurling his rhetorical javelins, planting in craven plutocratic hearts his silver darts—and all that—and by him, thrusting under his arm, biting his cigar in twain with the desperation of valor dying in the last ditch, the Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, a fifty-cent dollar for his shield, buckler and armament, thrusting here and thrusting there, as Mr. Bryan's insurgent activity gave him opportunity to prick, under the guard of his hero, the foes of Labor with their Cross of Thorns—Oh! let it pass—their Thorns of Gold!

We have little sympathy with Uncle Joe. We would dearly like to see him "broke". All the same, we realize that the Insurgents of the present day are not up to his standard. We give him credit for laying the bunch—right or wrong—as a "first-class fighting man." But this resurrection of old indiscretions looks cruel. Consider, he was but a boy then—a poor, lonesome, home-jeans countryman in a great big city, and a large, gilded Capitol. Suppose your youthful follies were put away in immortal files—suppose the things you said when you proposed were put permanently in the records—what would you think of the man who dug them up and laid them out in all their immaturity and formlessness?

As we say, we care nothing for Speaker Cannon, but here he has our sympathy. For an experiment, try to find a man who will admit today that he was for Free Silver in 1896, even. You may find one, possibly two. Yet we all remember how, in 1896, the "Gold Bug" was pointed out as he slipped home to dinner by the way of the devious alley! Major Hale will admit his faithfulness to the cause, we are sure, and with a shout. So will the Hon. Josephus Daniels, but with a dry, dry grin. So will the Hon. Boswell Beckwith, of Raleigh, by reason of his famous epigram that to be successful in politics meant to be a "d—n fool" about silver. But in the main, your neighbor will say that of course the public was wild, but he was sane. Of course! So say we all.

Nevertheless, Major Hale deserves the gratitude of the public in putting the ever interesting Uncle Joe Cannon in an entirely new light.

A MUTUAL MATTER.

The Twin-City Sentinel, commenting upon the recent serious wreck on the Southern Railway, speaks of "the increasing tendency of the railroads to take the public into their confidence with reference to wrecks and similar matters," and says: "A few years ago it was almost impossible to get any definite information about such matters. As a result wild reports were circulated that did the railroads no good. The various railways of the country are acting with wisdom in making a change along this line."

On the occasion of the wreck referred to, the Southern Railway cooperated in every way possible with all agencies of publicity toward giving the public the fullest details at the earliest possible moment. It is, of course, to be commended for taking the only sensible and humane course. Uncertainty breeds extravagance of every sort, and in the case of a wreck extravagant statement is sure to cause much needless anxiety in addition to the inevitable sorrow in the narration of the facts. But the reform in this particular is but one of many which followed by voluntary action of railroads upon drastic and ill-advised legislation. Iniquitous as the spirit behind much railroad legislation may have been, it cannot be questioned that the legislation was in large measure caused by neglect of public interests by the railroads themselves, and that had they not had the question of their duty impressed upon them by the possibility of what they might be called on to suffer at the hands of extremists, they would not have adopted the policy which, not yet perfect, is still considerate of the public to the extent that a good will that seemed irretrievably lost now seems measurably acquired.

Between public and railroad it is an equation of give and receive. Neither side is called on to give all, or ought to expect to receive all. But in a policy that is watchful of the smaller rights and conveniences of the public—as in the worrisome mileage regulations—the quickest way to understanding and mutuality of the trust is through railway concessions to public desire.

RICHMOND COUNTY HEN SHOW.

The Rockingham Post of this week gives up most of its space to the raising of poultry in Rockingham and Richmond county, to encourage which was last year organized the Rockingham Poultry Association. The first show under the auspices of this practical movement is to be held January 25th 28th, and the Post shows that it will prove that a great advance has taken place within a year in one of the basic industries in Richmond county.

Nothing so conduces to that "good living" to which every man aspires as the "fruit" of the hen, be it eggs, broilers, frying sizes, or the ultimate in chicken gastronomics in the shape of big, tender, juicy capons. It is in a sense verging on cruelty to speak of these varied delights that have of late years been forced by high prices out of the realm of necessities onto the plane of luxuries, but it remains a fact that in the cultivation of poultry for market and in the production of eggs the average farm has a source of revenue that has been long, and strangely, neglected. Perhaps the neglect is due to the fact that chicken raising is only profitable at the cost of care. It is not a slip-shod science, and yet for that very reason is a better paying science when exact methods are followed. The movement to stimulate this industry in Richmond is, therefore, commendable in itself and suggestive to others. The association shows that it is a live and practical one. Many prizes are offered and the exhibits will be a revelation. Among the prizes is one of special interest, a cup to be given annually to the exhibitor of the best cock, hen, cockerel, and pullet, the giver being the Hon. R. N. Page.

A SENATOR WHO COUNTS.

Each session of Congress serves to add to the value to North Carolina and the South of Senator Lee S. Overman. Each session finds his influence expanding and his reputation growing among the powers in national legislation. There is in his Senatorial course an unassuming faithfulness to party, a courteous independence, and a thoughtful conception of public service that are bringing him into the public eye as the result of merit rather than of advertising. The Senate yawns at the sensational "Tribune of the People" on the one hand, and the dry reader into the record of campaign thunder on the other. When, as with Senator Overman, a member introduces bills only after concluding that they have a reason, and therefore a chance of becoming laws, he gets a respectful hearing. Senator Overman's bill for judicial reform is of so sane, poised and equitable a character that it makes sound appeal to the whole country. Other measures of his have gotten into the statutes because they deserved a place there, and because the man behind them was looking to the performance of his duty. Just now, when the issue is complicated with the more or less sentimental "White Slave" crusade, he is urging a practical measure in respect to immigration through an increase of the "head tax". In personality and in performance the State has in its junior Senator a man who is growing in power, as every day his own power is better appreciated and understood.

It is now "up to" Dr. Cook to make his disappearance perpetual.

Charlotte must raise a noise, even if it has to resort to "pop-sticks" to make it.

"Uncle Joe" would probably comment on the disclosure of his own early insurgence that he had come to learn that it did not pay.

There are so many in the same boat that we do not look for much capital to be made over the disclosure of "Uncle Joe's" free silver spree.

The report that Dr. Cook is within five hours' ride of Copenhagen is added truth of the assertion that there is "Something rotten in Denmark."

There is an added element of sacrilege in the offense of those "bath tub hazers" at Trinity in the fact that they made light with Piedmont Cigarette pictures.

If "Success Magazine" wished to keep its works and its name working together it might have thought longer before going in to "make an end" of Cannon.

The end of the long wrangle over the "Blue Laws" in Greensboro is that the aldermen decide to let the public break the Sabbath a "little"—that is, till ten o'clock in the morning. After that hour the day will really become Sabbatical.

After having become so thoroughly specked, we are surprised at the nerve of "Chauncey the Peach" in attempting in the Senate to give the blush of health to the sallow complexion of the tariff bill. That business needs more than a cosmetic or a recommendation.

It would seem that Zelaya has played whist. Putting up Madriz was a pretty piece of finesse that leaves the United States in the embarrassing position of choosing whether to lose the trick or bodaciously trump when it ought really only to follow suit. Of course, being the stronger, it can do the former and still see that no one "breaks up the game", but it will not shine as a glorious triumph of diplomacy.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The time will come when it will be found that physical and chemical forces were intended to release man from all physical drudgery, and so free his mind from the burden of living-getting that he can make a life.—The Uplift.

It is doubtless correct to say that Albert I. of Belgium will be King of a republican monarchy, or of a monarchical republic. That is the status to which many of the monarchs of Europe have come and to which they are all rapidly coming.—N. Y. Tribune.

When Governor Kitchin makes up his mind on anything in the line of duty, he cares very little about criticism. He acts on his conscience and his duty as an official. Very much on the order of Governor Holt, who looked to no higher power than his conscience and well trained judgment.—High Point Enterprise.

Two Irishmen, bent on robbery, held up a passing Scotchman. After a long, fierce fight, in which the Scotchman almost had the better of it, they succeeded in conquering him. A thorough search of his clothes disclosed one lone nickel. "Troth, Pat," said Mike disgustedly, "if he had tin cints instid of a nickel he'd have murthered the two of us."—Daily States.

The interview in our local columns with J. F. Newell, Esq., of the Charlotte bar, a Republican war horse who talks out in meeting, is worth while. It is, we believe, the first gun fired by any North Carolina Republican for another term for T. R. There is no doubt Col. Newell is saying just what a great many other Republicans of the State are thinking.—Salisbury Post.

There's no monkey business when the Atlantic Coast Line talks railroad building. Look how the Southbound is hurrying on to a reality under the spell of its magic touch. The only question now seems to be whether or not to run the line to Charlotte from Wadesboro or Hartsville, S. C. The result, of course, will be to extend the present terminus at Wadesboro to Charlotte and look after that Hartsville line a little later.—Wadesboro Ansonian.

Diversified industry is the thing. The new owners of the Asheville cotton mills have converted it into mills to make quilts, towels, bedspreads and the like. Mr. J. G. Martin, of Hickory, the new president, and his associates, are wise. The chief trouble with North Carolina mills is that too many of them are turning out the same product. Diversification in products of mills as well as of farms is the demand of the hour.—News and Observer.

"A Daniel come to judgment, yea a Daniel." The Georgia Bar Association, blind to evils that need to be corrected, recently urged the State Supreme Court judges to wear gowns. One of the judges replied by declaring in a public address 'that more important than gowns for the bench are reforms of legal procedure which shall quicken and make more certain the steps of justice." Judicial millinery has covered a multitude of technical rags that thwarted justice.—News and Observer.

Col. Roosevelt is to deliver some lectures, possibly two or three, in the Sorbonne, Paris, on his way home. As he talks to his audiences he will be permitted to wear a plumed cap, a pearl-handled sword and a suit embroidered with green palms. That is a mark of high distinction. He would, in all probability, feel more at ease in kahki, with a cavalry sabre and in puttees ;but the plumed cap ought to give him a very swagger appearance, and the pearl-handled sword will afford a sort of foil for his teeth.—Savannah News.

When Brother Broughton said Jacksonville was too bad for missionary work we were deeply pained, but we feel better since reading Gertrude Atherton's opinion that Chicago was "gloomy, ugly, money-mad, purse-proud, frightful, wicked and dirty." If Chicago can stand Gertrude we will try to worry along with the absence of Broughton and we have not heard that our neighbor on the lake had disappeared from the map. At the same time we hope these critics will leave a few adjectives for the use of John Temple Graves when next he emerges from the shadow of Willie-Also-Randolph.—Florida Times Union.

Discussing the Nicaragua situation, The Woman's National Daily aptly and pithily describes Uncle Sam, in relation to it, as having both feet in quicksands, and undecided in which direction to turn next. Profiting by Napoleon's wise maxim, that when one doesn't know what to do, do nothing, Secretary Knox asks for more time to study the situation, and gets it. This is the right thing for Uncle Sam to do. Heretofore, he has been a bit previous in this Nicaraguan affair, and from now on it is to be hoped that he will practice the homely wisdom of looking before he leaps.—Petersburg Index-Appeal.

It is perceived that in the foreign appointments sent in yesterday by the President that North Carolina fared badly. In fact, she did not get a smell, or in the language of the street, a look-in. As a famous man, who had once made a great blunder at a social function remarked, we "hate" this. We were living in high hope that our friend J. Elwood Cox, would land that job in Switzerland. We learn, however, why he "fell down." All these things will leak out. It is said that while he went to Washington and passed muster in everything, it was discovered that he could not "wabble"—could not sing Swiss—and he fell by the wayside.—Greensboro Record.

"A line a day" for the Christmas joy.

CHRISTMAS SALE

Every Nook and Corner of the Store Reflects the Gladsome Holiday Spirit.

At every turn, on every counter, in every aisle you will be confronted with merchandise that says unmistakably "Merry Xmas". Christmas Candies that'll make the children say "goody" and suck their little thumbs. Toys and dolls that will send a thrill of joy through childish bodies, Christmas fireworks that will afford an unending source of delight to the youngsters as well as yourselves.

But we aren't content to let our display of Christmas gifts confine itself to the "younger set".. We're ready with an assortment that will satisfy "Children of All Ages".

REHDER'S IS WILMINGTON'S GIFT HEADQUARTERS.

Fancy goods, China Glass Ware and Lamps, Cut Glass, fancy gold Clocks, Shaving Sets and Smoking Sets.

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Fine Fur and Muff Sets, $12.50 to $45. Single Furs, $1.50 to $25.00.

Silks Waists and Skirts make a very nice Christmas gift.

Fancy Cup and Saucer, 10c to 50c each.

Vaces, 10c to 98c each.

Fancy Water sets 98c each.

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Old St. Nick is here with the goods. Drums, boats, trains trunks. All kinds of toys. Also wagons, automobiles, Irish mails, rocky horses.

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This week we will show you a most superb line of Ladies' Furs in Mink, Isabella Fox, and others. Children's Fur Sets.

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SUPREME REGENT INVITED

Cornelius Harnett Council, Royal Arcanum, Arranging for Big Anniversary Celebration in January—Joint Installation.

Cornelius Harnett Council, No. 231, Royal Arcanum, is making arrangements for a big celebration on the night of January 10th, the occasion being the 31st anniversary of the council and also marks the 31st anniversary of the introduction of the order in this State. At the last meeting a committee, composed of Messrs. A. Silverman, R. H. Northrop and I. H. Weil, was named to arrange for the event.

One of the interesting features of the event will be the joint installation of the newly elected officers of Cornelius Harnett Council and Carolina Council. Grand Regent H. E. Bonitz has been invited to be present and install the officers and a number of other Grand officers have been invited. At the request of the council Grand Regent Bonitz has invited Supreme Regent Clovis H. Bowen, of Pawtucket, R. I., to be present on that occasion. He has promised to make a visit to Wilmington and it is generally hoped that he can arrange his business so as to be here on the 10th. If he accepts the invitation it is the purpose of the council to make the event a State affair and invite all the councils in this jurisdiction to send representatives.

The celebration will be concluded with an elaborate supper for the members and invited guests.

Dr. S. Mendelsohn, secretary of Cornelius Harnett Council, is one of the prime movers for an elaborate celebration and is lending the committee every assistance possible. Dr. Mendelsohn has been an officer in the council for a long number of years.

BEFORE THE RECORDER.

White Man Sentenced to Roads and a Negress to the Farm.

The Recorder held a long but rather uninteresting session of his court yesterday morning. In several cases there were lawyers on both sides and they consumed much time in contesting every inch of ground.

Robt. Bryant, colored, charged with assault upon Gilbert Hollis, colored, with an auger some days ago, was found guilty and fined $25 and taxed with the costs, which he paid. Hon John D. Bellamy appeared for the defendant and Brooke G. Empie, Esq., for the prosecution.

Mr. H. H. Brandon was tried on the charge of disposing of mortgaged property, towit, a bicycle, the case coming up from Justice Harriss' court. The Recorder reserved his decision until today. W. P. Mangum Turner and A. H. Pait, Esqs., represented the prosecution and L. Clayton Grant Esq., the defense.

Jordan McIver, a white man, was again arraigned on the charge of drunkenness. There were also three other cases for drunkenness against him. The recorder pronounced judgment in each case, giving the defendant an aggregate of four months on the county roads.

Herbert Larkins, alias "Blucher," colored, was tried on two charges, the cases coming up from Justice Harriss' court. In one warrant Larkins was charged with assault with deadly weapon on Phoebe Sterling, colored, on September 9th, and in the other with carrying concealed weapons. The evidence was not sufficient to convict in either case and the defendant was discharged. Walter P. Gafford, Esq., represented the negro.

Alice Jones, colored, submitted to the charge of stealing $20 in money from a negro man last Saturday night, and was sentenced to two months on the county farm.

FUNERAL OF COL. CANTWELL.

Last Sad Rites From St. James' Church This Afternoon.

The funeral of the late Col. John Lucas Cantwell, whose death occurred Tuesday night, will be held from St. James' Episcopal Church, of which he was a member for a long number of years, this afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, the rector. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Members of Cape Fear Camp, United Confederate Veterans, will assemble at the W. L. I. armory at 2:30 o'clock and attend the services in a body, and members of the Hibernian Benevolent Society will meet at their hall at 2 o'clock to attend the funeral.

President J. Allen Taylor, of the Chamber of Commerce, of which organization the deceased was secretary for 25 or more years, yesterday appointed Mr. B. F. Hall, chairman, and Messrs. G. J. Boney and M. S. Willard as a committee to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Col. Cantwell. The committee's report will be made to the organization at a meeting to be held in the near future.

The W. L. I. and members of the Third North Carolina Infantry Association are also called to meet at the armory at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral. The funeral will be with Masonic honors, Wilmington Lodge No. 319, of which he was a member; St. John's Lodge No. 1, and Plantagenet Commandery, Knights Templar, being officially called elsewhere in today's paper to assemble at their respective lodges for the purpose of attending the obsequies in a body.

Will be Married This Morning.

Mr. Leon T. Peacock and Miss Margaret R. Willis, both of Bingham, S. C., arrived in Wilmington yesterday afternoon and if there is no interruption of their plans they will be Mr. and Mrs. Peacock when they leave for home today. They were accompanied by Mr. C. L. Willis, brother of the bride-to-be. It is not a runaway affair in any sense, the couple merely desiring to celebrate the happy event in Wilmington.

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The Theatre

The Crystal Palace this week in spite of the fact that the week is looked upon as one of the worst in the theatrical business is playing to big audiences in the afternoons and capacity houses at night. The big bill is also immensely pleasing to the people. Today will bring about a change of programme and the change will be complete, even including a new illustrated song and new moving pictures. In fact, there will be six brand new acts. The usual turkey will be given away tonight. The Palace has arranged something extra for Christmas day which will greatly interest the youngsters. The children who attend the Saturday matinee, which will commence at 3:30 o'clock, wih the price small, as usual—10 cents—will have the chance of participating in a Christmas tree entertainment at the end of the show. A big Christmas tree will hold forth in the center of the stage. It will be aglow with light and dazzling with decorations, while it will be crowded with toys. Then od Santa Claus will appear and present to each child a toy. None will be missed in the gift giving and the management expects the occasion to be an awfully jolly one.

Popular Prices Next Week.

The Four Pickerts will hold the boards at the Academy all next week, save Thursday night, when Cohan and Harris' Minstrels will appear. The engagement of this organization, which is a big favorite in Wilmington, will commence Monday night, when the well known comedy success, "Hello Bill", will be presented. Upon this occasion, regardless of the fact that it will be holiday time, the usual free courtesy will be extended the ladies and seats for Monday night's performance will be on sale at the Crystal Palace Saturday morning.

The vaudeville given with the Four Pickerts this season is said to be decidedly costly and superb and the Pickerts themselves will, of course, appear as a big and prominent feature. During the week only the best of plays will be presented and, no doubt, the audiences will be large.

At the Bijou Today.

The management of the popular Bijou announces a bill of unusual excellence for today. Three very interesting pictures will be shown, the titles being "The Bigamist", "Malicious Rival", and "Cops on a Strike." The first named is a very pathetic story of Young Dufrane, who, through the importunities of his family and a selfish nature, abandons his pretty wife and baby to marry an heiress. He comes to his senses too late at the grave of his deserted wife where he finds his baby, now four years old, placing flowers on the lonely mound. The other two pictures are also interesting and the three make a splendid bill.

DIED FROM HIS INJURIES.

Another Fatal Accident at Rock Quarry Just East of City.

Coroner C. D. Bell was summoned yesterday morning to view the body of Pharoah Smith, a negro convict, about 25 years old, who died at the James Walker Memorial Hospital Tuesday night at 10:30 o'clock as the result of injuries received at the rock quarry, just east of the city, Tuesday afternoon, when he was struck by a huge rock, which fell from near the top of the excavation in which he was working. Dr. Bell deemed an inquest unnecessary and gave a certificate for the removal of the body, and the interment took place yesterday.

Smith came here from some part of South Carolina and was serving a five years' sentence on the county roads. Tuesday he was working at the bottom of a deep excavation. Suddenly a large rock broke from its fastenings above and struck the negro full force, pinning him to the earth and it was some minutes before he could be released from his position. His left thigh was broken and his hips and abdomen mashed, but it was not at first thought that his injuries were fatal. In fact, he was thought to be getting along very nicely until 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night, when he had an internal hemorrhage and expired in a few minutes. Smith is the second victim at the rock quarry within the past few months.

STRANDED AT 13 LIGHT.

British Steamer Kenley Remained Ashore Yesterday—Tugs Assist.

The British steamer Kenley, which arrived Monday from the west coast of South America, and encountered difficulty in getting up the river on account of steerage gear being disabled, went ashore again Tuesday night before she reached the city at light No. 13, the "hoo doo" of the Cape Fear.

The steamer stuck hard and fast and remained in that position yesterday, her captain refusing the assistance of tugs that responded. As previously stated the steamer went ashore several times before reaching light No. 13 and came off each time under her own steam. The tugs were with her Tuesday afternoon but the captain refused assistance until yesterday afternoon, when he found that it was impossible to get the steamer off without assistance and she was finally pulled off the shoal by the tug Sea King and proceeded to her dock in this city early last night.

GOLD COINS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Second Shipment of $2.50 Denomination Received by People's Bank.

In line with its well established policy of "nothing too good for our patrons or those who are likely to do business with us," the People's Savings Bank has just received by express, after scouring the money markets of the country, a second shipment of the much sought $2.50 gold pieces, which make such splendid Christmas presents and these will be ready for distribution at the bank this morning. The People's is always to the front when a stroke of enterprise is just the proper thing and the Christmas suggestion carried in the placing of these gold coins at this season of the year will be quite helpful in solving the problem of what to give for Christmas.

SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE TODAY

Suspension of Work for Holidays—Will Open for Spring Term the First Monday in January. Fine Session.

Rounding out one of the most succssful sessions in their history, the schools of the county, graded, rural and private, will close this afternoon for the holidays, except the few which finished the term yesterday. In conversation yesterday with a person in close touch with the school work in New Hanover, it was learned that the average attendance in both the city and rural schools during the session has probably been the best for many years, while the enrollment has been considerably larger than any previous year.

The majority of the teachers in the High School will spend the holidays with home folks at a distance and the teachers in the Union and Hemenway schools, who are residents of Wilmington, will spend the season here for the most part. The teachers in the rural schools will go to their homes, most of them leaving this afternoon.

The Middle Sound school, Miss L. May Boone, of Rose Hill, teacher, closed yesterday afternoon and Miss Boone passed through here in the afternoon on her way home. The following are the pupils who were on the honor roll at Middle Sound during the month: Liston Humphrey, third grade; Jeannie Shepard, fourth grade; Leacy Shepard and Edison Humphrey, sixth grade; Peal Gorman and Eva Westbrook, seventh grade.

The Wrightsville school, in district No. 5, also closed yesterday, and the principal, Miss Alma Carpenter, left in the afternoon for her home at Frederick Hall, Va., to spend Christmas. Miss Bessie Roberts, of Wrightsville, is assistant. For the last several weeks the school has been conducted in a dwelling house on account of the building of an annex to the school house. The addition will be completed and ready for service before the opening of the Spring term.

The Cape Fear Academy, which has had a most successful session under the able and beloved principal, Prof. Washington Catlett, will close this afternoon. The pupils of the Academy got it in their heads that yesterday was the closing day and just before the work of the day was finished Prof. Catlett was presented a Christmas gift—a pair of military brushes—by the classes. It goes without saying that the remembrance is deeply appreciated by Prof. Catlett.

The graded and rural schools will re-open the first Monday in January for the Spring term and the indications are that splendid attendance will be the order during the last half of the scholastic year as was the case the first part.

BUT TWO DAYS REMAIN.

Christmas Shoppers Will be Out in Full Today and Tomorrow.

With but two days remaining in which to do Christmas shoping it is expected that the downtown district will be literally thronged today and tomorrow with those in search of some suitable gift for relative or friend. There were many shoppers out yesterday and last night and the salespeople were kept pretty busy, but the great rush is yet to come. Hundreds have already completed their tasks and smiles of satisfaction chase across their countenances, while hundreds of others are still undecided upon what presents to purchase and their countenances have the look of perplexity. Not that there is not a sufficient variety in the stores to meet the tastes of the undecided but rather was there a too-wide range of selections. However, the time is growing short and those who would remember their relatives and friends by the presentation of presents must needs be active today and tomorrow.

The occasional explosion of a large firecracker is a forcible reminder of the nearness of the glad season. Numerous explosions were heard in various parts of the city throughout Tuesday night and early last night there was considerable noise in the business section, caused by the use of fireworks. The police made efforts to capture those responsible for the explosions, but the boys were too quick for the officers.

TO ADD WARMTH AND CHEER.

Local Elks Distribute Wood Among Poor and Needy of City.

"To add warmth and cheer to the Christmas festivities," as one expressed it, Wilmington Lodge, No. 532, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will distribute 125 loads of wood among the poor and needy of the city. Wagons commenced yesterday to make deliveries. Heretofore at Christmas time the Elks' prepared and distributed baskets of provisions but as other organizations will provide for the inner man this season the Elks' decided that a good load of wood to each of the really needy families would be more acceptable. It is a happy idea, for with the wood furnished by the Elks', the poor families will be enabled to enjoy their well filled baskets in comfort. Owing to the cold spell the fuel will be especially appreciated at this time.

FUNERAL OF MR. CALLAHAN.

Services Held From Residence of Mrs. J. H. Dew Yesterday.

The funeral of Mr. George E. Callahan, who died at his home at Abbottsburg, N. C., Tuesday afternoon, was held from the residence of Mrs. J. H. Dew, 416 Bladen street, this city, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. C. F. Whitlock, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist Church. There were many relatives and friends present. The interment was in Bellevue cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. B. C. Moore, Marsden Smith, F. L. Smith, George Newton, Fletcher Brower and L. T Allen.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—Attention of shippers and receivers is called to the freight notice of Mr. A. J. Moore, Jr., agent, in another column of today's paper.

—The regular Sunday schedule will be observed on the suburban line Saturday on account of the Christmas holidays. There will be a trip of the freight car on that date.

—A deed was filed for record yesterday transferring from D. G. Westbrook and wife to D. L. Gore, for $100, 20 acres of land in Cape Fear township, adjoining lands of Mr. Gore.

—Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., bishop of the Diocese, will preach and celebrate the holy communion at St. Mark's church, corner of Sixth and Grace streets, next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The public invited.

—At the school house on the Castle Haynes road this evening, the Christmas tree exercises of the Union Sunday and day schools will be held. The exercises will begin at 7:30 o'clock. All friends are extended a cordial invitation to be present.

—Chief of Police N. J. Williams calls official attention in an advertisement elsewhere in today's paper to the ordinance governing the discharge of fireworks during the holidays. The officers have been instructed to enforce the law fully with the limitations prescribed for the holiday season.

—The ladies of the Home Mission Society of Grace Methodist Church will be in the ladies' parlor of the church today from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. to receive contributions for Christmas baskets to the poor. The baskets will be delivered late this afternoon. The ladies will greatly appreciate contributions of groceries, fruits, etc.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. L. Taylor, of Verona, spent yesterday in Wilmington.

—Mr. Frank Silliman, of Southport, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

—Mr. J. B. Mareoday, of Chinquepin, was in the city yesterday on a shopping trip.

—Mr. R. E. Williams, of Belfast, Ga., is in the city on a visit to friends and relatives.

—Messrs. Ferdinand Duls and Willie Bellois returned home yesterday from Chapel Hill to spend the holidays.

—Mr. W. D. Pait, of Bladenboro, is in the city on a business trip, the guest of his brother, Albertus H. Pait, Esq.

—Mr. George Meares is at home from the University to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Iredell Meares.

—Among the arrivals at The Orton last night were: T. C. Clute, Chadbourn; W. B. Fort, Pikeville; Dr. S. A. Smith, Bolton; E. M. Brown, Chadbourn; G. H. Edwards, Clarkton.

JAMES SEBRING DEAD.

Began His Professional Baseball Career in Wilmington.

The following Associated Press telegram received last night will be received with peculiarly sad interest by many Wilmington friends and admirers:

"Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 22.—James D. Sebring, the well known professional baseball player, died at the hospital here this evening. Sebring had been ill only a short time."

No other particulars of the death were received here other than the dispatch given. Sebring began his professional baseball career in Wilmington some ten years ago with the Virginia-Carolina League and was a contemporary of Devlin, Vorhees, Stewart, and others of the local pennant winning team, who made names for themselves in the major leagues the following season. Sebring was last with the Brooklyn team of the National League. He was a great hitter and was one of the mainstays of the Brooklyns all the season. He came to Wilmington when a mere youth with "Tacks" Allen and other members of the Wilmington team from Williamsport. He was a strong, athletic, likable young fellow, who did conscientious work and was the personification of modesty. His death is much regretted here.

Y. M. C. A. VS. FORT CASWELL.

Interesting Basketball Game Promised at Y. M. C .A. Tonight.

The first match game of basketball of the season with an out-of-town team will be played in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. tonight between the association's first team and the Fort Caswell aggregation. This promises to be the most interesting and exciting contest of the season and the attendance will doubtless be unusually large. The Y. M. C. A. will put its best team against the visiting team, which is considered very strong, and a fast, snappy game is expected.

The line-up of the Y. M. C. A. team will be as follows: Bryan Newkirk, right forward; B. Thees, left forward; H. Stevens, centre; George Whitted, right guard; Richard Grant, left guard; Chas. Terry, substitute. The line-up of Fort Caswell team: A. W. Paul, right forward; V. Pife, left forward; A. Nimmo, centre; C. Clerk, right guard; D. Muncie, left guard; E. Binder, substitute.

Messrs. W. L. King and Chas. Dushan will referee the game. An admission of 10 cents will be charged and the public is invited.

Justice Recognized Both Claims.

At 12 o'clock yesterday Justice George Harriss heard a civil action entitled J. A. Sandlin against the Wynnewood Lumber Co., in which the plaintiff was seeking to obtain a judgment for $43.75 as wages. The defendant set up a counterclaim for $32.98, $29.86 of which was for groceries obtained by the plaintiff from Spicer & King and $3.12 for taxes paid for the plaintiff. The defendant resisted payment of the full amount, but before the trial tendered the plaintiff the difference between the two claims. This was declined by the plaintiff. Justice Harriss gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff for $10.77 the difference between the claim of the plaintiff and the counter claim. Herbert McClammy, Esq., represented the lumber company; ex Judge E. K. Bryan the grocery firm and Woodus Kellum the plaintiff.

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IMPROVING ITS LINE.

Tidewater Power Co. Laying Heavier Rails on Part of Front.

Workmen for the Tidewater Power Company yesterday commenced the laying of 70-pound rails and new crossties on Front, between Orange and Nun streets. The rails being taken up will be placed on the extension of the South Wilmington line, work on which is progressing rapidly. With the desire of learning the causes of any and all complaints so that their patrons may be given the best service possible, the company will have a "complaint man" in the offices on Front street and he will remain in the office until 10 o'clock in the evening. Patrons who have any complaints to make relative to lights or car service are invited to communicate with him, either personally or by telephone.

MRS. JOHN W. EZZELL DEAD.

Passed Away Early Yesterday Morning—Funeral Today.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ezzell, wife of Mr. John W. Ezzell, died at her home, 506 Harnett street, at 3:20 o'clock yesterday morning after an illness of about a week. She was 63 years old and besides her husband is survived by three children, Mr. W. M. Ezzell, Mrs. S. W. Aman and Mrs. S. G. Savage, all of this city, who have the sympathy of a great many friends in their bereavement. The deceased was a most estimable woman and her many friends learned of her death with deep regret. The funeral services will be held from the residence at 10 o'clock this morning, and the interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

WRIGHTSVILLE HONOR ROLL.

Pupils of Several Grades Who Won Distinction During Month.

The honor roll of the Wrightsville Public School for December is as follows: First grade, Danie Lawhorne, Fannie Northrop; second grade, Reta Stokley, Gertrude Topel, Daisy Lawhorne, Bessie Bloom, Mary Sellars, Harris Northrop, Herbert Topel; third grade, Ralph Piner and Hinton Divine; fourth grade, Samuel Northrop; fifth grade, Sophie Northrop, Fannie Mason, Fannie Lawhorne, Ella Piner, John Divine; seventh grade Clarence Rogers. The requirements are present every day, no tardy marks and a general average of 95 per cent.

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JONES EXPECTED TODAY.

Carried the Schooner Mary A. Hall to New York Last Week.

The tug Alexander Jones, Capt. Sanders, is expected to arrive at her home port today from New York, where she towed the schooner Mary A. Hall, which was disabled by going ashore near Cape Fear bar some weeks ago.

The tug encountered some pretty severe weather on the passage up the coast with her tow, but managed to carry the vessel safely to New York without accident. The Mary A. Hall was temporarily repaired here to stand the trip and after receiving additional repairs in New York will proceed to Boston, Mass., with her cargo of lumber.

Christmas Greetings by Postal.

Anticipating a great business in the way of transmitting Christmas and New Year's greetings, the Postal Telegraph Company has made special arrangements to take care of its patrons. Attractive message blanks for both sending and receiving, have been printed and are being distributed. On the left hand side of the form is a pretty lithographed holly branch with red berries. In the space reserved for the message is printed in script, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," leaving the sender nothing to do but address and sign the message. The company will send greetings to any office within 150 miles for 25 cents and greater distances at proportionate rates. Four words in addition to the above will be transmitted without extra charge.

Funeral of Little Son.

From the residence, 619 South Second street, at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning the funeral of Kenneth Warboys, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Warboys, was held in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. The services were conducted by Judge J. A. Erwin, pastor of the Christian Church, and the interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

A. P. CONE'S SUCCESSOR.

W. L. Pierce Appointed Superintendent of Richmond Division.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—W. L. Pierce, who for two years has been assistant superintendent of the Washington Division of the Southern Railway with headquarters at Strasburg, Va., has been appointed superintendent of the Richmond division, to succeed the late A. P. Cone, who was killed in the wreck near Greensboro, N. C., recently.

Mr. Pierce came to Richmond today to assume his duties. He has been with the Southern Railway 25 years, having begun as a telegraph operator.

DIED.

CANTWELL—At his home in this city, Tuesday, December 21st, 1909, JOHN LUCAS CANTWELL, in the 81st year of his age.

Funeral this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. James Protestant Episcopal Church; interment in Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

Cause and Effect

The Clay Eaters are stupid, lazy people, with very large appetites—a matter of *diet*. Clay doesn't nourish, so doesn't satisfy. Boilers fed with rock, bone, ash, etc., are sluggish and lazy. Change the diet. They need Heat Units. Atlantic Guaranteed Coal will brace them up to the "popping off" point and keep them there. The boiler eats *less* and does *more*.

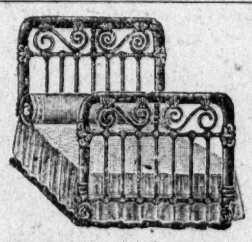
ATLANTIC STATES COAL & COKE CO.,
Richmond, Va.

$2,000 Christmas Gift!

Beginning Friday Morning, Dec. 17th

and continuing until Friday night, Dec. 24th, we expect to sell $5,000.00 of furniture, house furnishing goods, Mattings, Rugs, Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, etc., for $3,000.00 cash. $2,000.00 less than the same quality of goods will or can be sold by any other house in North Carolina., giving our customers $2,000 as a Christmas present. We will prove this to every customer. Come and see for yourself. There is a reason.

We give a few prices below, which prove the statement, the same reduction applies to more than 500 articles of new goods, received within the last 15 days.



$2.50 Iron Beds $1.49
$3.50 Iron Beds $1.98
$5.00 Iron Beds $2.98
$7.50 Iron Beds $5.98
$10.00 Iron Beds $6.98
$25.00 Brass Beds $17.98
$45.00 Brass Beds.....$27.98
$65.00 Brass Beds.....$41.98

Mattings, more than 60 rolls, this year's importations, every piece received since December 1st, from 9 3-4c up per yard, by the roll only at these prices.

Rugs. We are away ahead with Rugs. More than 200 to select from. Study these prices.

27x54 Velvets $1.29
27x54 Fringed 98c
27x58 Axminsters $1.69
36x72 Axminsters $2.98
9x12 Brussells $12.98
9x11 Velvets $15.98
9x12 Smith's Axminsters.$19.98
9x12 all wool Smyrnas...$21.98

60 Carriages, Go-Carts, Folders, Collapsible, Pullman Sleepers, English Coaches, etc. See them if interested.

102 Dressers, quartered golden oak, white enamel, birds eye maple, genuine solid mahogany, Commodes Chiffonieres and Ladies' Dressing Tables to match. Example of price: Solid Oak, 24x30 French Bevel Mirror $6.98

16 Library Tables, all woods, some Royal Crofts' make in the lot .....$3.98 up

30 Parlor Tables, beauties for presents at astonishing prices.

More than 200 Rockers, Golden Oak, Mission, Reed, solid Mahogany.
$2.50 Oak Rockers $1.69
$4.00 Oak Rockers.....$2.98
$6.50 Mission Rockers.....$4.49
$7.50 Reed Rockers.....$5.19
$20.00 solid Mahogany, leather seat and back.....$11.98

19 China Cabinets, golden quartered oak, mission and genuine solid mahogany, same at $13.98, bent glass sides and drawers.

21 Dinner Sets in Domestic, English, German and French China, $7.98 up for 100 pieces.

31 Ladies' Desks, oak, mission, walnut, imitation mahogany and art, from $3.98 up. Don't fail to see them.

Pictures, Sideboards, Bed Room Suits, Parlor Suits, Dining Room Suits, Morris Chairs, from $4.98 up. Hall Racks, Lamps, Wardrobes and hundreds of other articles, all going at a saving. A few Dolls, Doll Carriages, Doll Tea Sets, Etc.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, etc

Mrs. C. M. Nixon, of Vista, is the guest of Alderman and Mrs. B. O. Stone.

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Miss Lydia Post has returned home from Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore to spend the holidays.

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Mr. George E. Bowdoin has arrived from the University of North Carolina to spend Christmas with his parents.

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Mr. J. V. Grainger, Jr., is home from Princeton to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Grainger, Sr.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Post, of Baltimore, arrived yesterday to visit Mr. and Mrs. James F. Post during the holidays.

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Mr. Shepard Bryan was here yesterday on his way from Horner's School to spend the holidays with his parents at Scott's Hill.

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Mr. Daniel Lockfaw, a student of St. Mary's College, Belmont, N. C., is at home spending the holidays with his parents.

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Mr. Bertram Adkins, of Savannah, Ga., was here yesterday on his way to Southport, his former home, to spend Christmas.

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Miss Virginia Taylor arrived esterday morning from school at Georgetown, D. C., to spend the holiday season with her parents, Col. and Mrs. Walker Taylor.

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Mr. W. N. Post, student of the University of North Carolina, is at home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Post.

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Miss Annie Keith, of Keith, N. C., and Miss Lila Keith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Keith, arrived yesterday from Meredith College, in Raleigh, to spend the holidays.

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Mr. Marion S. Harriss, student at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., is expected to arrive today to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Harriss, at The Carolina.

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Mr. Henry Y. Heyer is at home from the Yale Law School where he is taking post graduate work and will spend the holidays at home with his father, Mr. Matt J. Heyer, president of the Southern National Bank.

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Mr. Louis Belden, who was one of the stars in this year's University football team, is at home to spend the holidays with his father, Capt. Louis Belden.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunter Wood have arrived from Boston, where Mr. Wood is in charge of the New England office of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, and will spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

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Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Register left this morning on the steamer Lyon for White Oak, Bladen county, to attend the marriage there at 6 o'clock this evening of Mr. Register's sister, Miss Irene Register to Mr. Fred G. Kinlaw, of Fayetteville.

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Mr. E. M. Wilson, of Haverford, Pa., arrived yesterday morning to join Mrs. Wilson, who is spending the holidays in the city, a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McL. Green, on South Third street.

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Two big dances will be given at Kneisel's Academy of dancing during the Christmas week. On Tuesday night of next week there will be a big favor dance and on New Year's night, Mr. Kneisel's full orchestra, which he will use during the week for all the Xmas dances will furnish the music for an elaborate bal masque At this latter dance the ladies only will mask.

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A masquerade ball will be given tonight in Concordia Hall, 119 1 2 South Front street, under the auspices of the dancing class of Mr. F. W. Dock and all the young people are expected. The ladies only will be required to appear in masquerade and all proper safeguards have been thrown around the conduct of the affair. There will be excellent music and an evening of rare and novel enjoyment for all who attend.

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After an absence of several months in New York City and East Orange, N. J., the many friends of ex Mayor and Mrs. S. H. Fishblate will be delighted to know that they have returned to Wilmington to live and will soon after the holidays begin housekeeping at the Carolina Apartments. They will be most cordially received by many friends in Wilmington, which the family has always claimed as "home." During a residence of 46 years here Mr. Fishblate imbibed deeply of "Rock Springs" water and its proverbial charm has again been proved and Wilmington is glad to know of it. Mr. Fishblate is confined to his room for a few days but hopes soon to be on the street again.

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MISS ANNIE FREDERICKS BRIDE OF DR. HARGROVE.

Dr. Mathew L. Hargrove and Miss Annie Elizabeth Fredericks, attractive and popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fredericks, were quietly maried at the home of the bride's parents, 420 Chesnut street, at 6 o'clock last evening, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Father Dennen. Miss Ida Page was maid of honor and Mr. John Hargrove, brother of the groom acted as best man. The bride was becomingly gowned in brown silk and the maid of honor was attired in purple silk. There were present a number of relatives and friends and Dr. and Mrs. Fredericks received happiest felicitations and congratulations. Following the ceremony a reception was tendered at which dainty refreshments were served.

Dr. Hargrove came to Wilmington about two years ago from Clinton, N. C., for the practice of his profession, dentistry, and is one of the most popular of the local members of the craft and has a large clientele. His bride is a charming young lady and is greatly admired by all within the range of her acquaintance. Dr. and Mrs. Hargrove will leave Friday morning for a visit to Clinton and, returning to Wilmington in about a week, will reside for the present with the bride's parents.

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MARRIED AT GRACE PARSONAGE MONDAY.

Mr. George B. Robbins and Miss Jennie May Rice, a popular young couple of Allen, S. C., were united in marriage in this city Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the ceremony being performed at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Thos. A. Smoot, pastor of Grace Methodist Church. The ceremony was witnessed by a few friends and relatives. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. Martin Luther Rice, of Allen, S. C., and a niece of Mr. C. C. Rice, of this city. The groom and the bride's father arrived last Saturday and the bride arrived on the afternoon Coast Line train Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins left on the afternoon train Monday for a bridal tour to Cuba and upon their return will reside at Allen. The bride's mother, who died some 10 years ago, was a member of Grace Church and this probably was the reason the bride desired to be married in Wilmington and by the pastor of Grace Church.

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BRILLIANT RECEPTION YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Of the many social affairs given recently none was more thoroughly enjoyed than the brilliant reception given by Mrs. N. H. Quince, No. 18 North Seventh street, from 5 to 7 o'clock yesterday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Miss Olivia Quince, and Miss Rosa Dwight Willingham, of Marietta, Ga., who is the attractive guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. L. Peschau. The home was most beautifully and elaborately decorated for the event. The room in which the guests were received was decorated in pink carnations and the dining room was very pretty in red with holly and poinsetta. Red carnations and bamboo were used in the room in which the dainty refreshments were served. In the receiving line were Miss Olivia Prichett, aunt of Mrs. Quince, Mrs. N. H. Quince, Miss Olivia Quince, Miss Rosa Dwight Willingham and Mrs. R. O. Crisp. Presiding at the tea table were Miss Helen Strange, Miss Christinia Stevenson, Miss Annie Worth, the Misses Pleasants, Mrs. Geo. L. Peschau, Mrs. Thomas Willard and Miss Margaret Quince. The reception was attended by two or three hundred and proved one of the most delightful of the social affairs of the season.

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MRS. EVANS ENTERTAINED DELIGHTFULLY TUESDAY.

Mrs. C. N. Evans delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon at an elaborate tea and at cards at night at the hospitable Evans home, 409 Orange street, in honor of Miss Lavine Evans and Miss Baxter, the attractive house guests of the hostess. As on former occasions Mrs. Evans proved herself a most charming hostess and both events were thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The parlors and reception rooms were artistically decorated with Southern smilax and various kinds of flowers. Several hundred invitations were issued for the tea and it was one of the most largely attended of the season and will be remembered by those present as one of the most pleasing in every respect. At the delightful card party in the evening those present, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Evans and the honor guests, were: Misses Marguerite Walker, Hilda M. Spafford, of London, Eng.; Amoret Lord, Atha Hicks, Christine Stevenson, Margaret and Nellie Corbett, Nellie Savage, Edith Pritchard, Bessie Albright, Julia Post and Julia Owens; Messrs. William C. Denny, Frank Harriss, Robert and Milton Calder, James F. Post, Jr., J. W. Simpson, T. E. and Clement Brown, Louis T. Moore, William M. Peck, Burrett S. Mills and C. D. Maffitt.

Materials for Arches Arrive.

The additional Tungsten arch lights recently ordered by the Board of Aldermen, will probably be in service by Saturday night, and some may be ready for use tonight or tomorrow night, the materials having arrived yesterday morning. Workmen were busy yesterday getting the arches in shape for suspension across the streets. The additional arches are to be installed on Market, from Front to Water, and from Second to Third streets; on Princess, from Front to Third; on Front, from Grace to Red Cross, which, with the lights already in use, will make this city the most brilliantly illuminated of any town its size in the South. It was stated yesterday that one arch would be installed on the east side of the intersection of Third and Princess streets, in front of the Academy of Music.

Schooners Arrive in Port.

The British schooner Rothesay, Capt. Phipps, arrived light from New York yesterday for cargo from the S. & W. H. Northrop Lumber Company for the West Indies. The schooner Chas. J. Dumont, Capt. Curtis, also arrived yesterday from Carteret, N. J., with cargo of acid phosphate for the Seaboard Air Line.

EXPRESS COMPANY INCREASE.

Capital Stock of Wells, Fargo & Co., Now $24,000,000.

New York, Dec. 22.—Stockholders of Wells, Fargo & Company ratified at a special meeting today the proposal to increase the company's capital stock from $8,000,000 to $24,000,000. With the increase there will be paid to stockholders a dividend of $300 a share out of the company's accumulated surplus.

The $16,000,000 of new stock will be offered for subscription to stockholders pro rata at par in a proportion of two shares of new stock for one of old.

Christmas stamps are also New Year's stamps.

SUES HEARST MAGAZINE.

Philadelphia Lawyer Asks Damage of $75,000—Letter Was Stolen.

New York, Dec. 22.—Thomas B. Harned, a Philadelphia lawyer, brought suit in the United States Circuit Court today against the International Magazine Company, owned by W. R. Hearst, asking damages of $75,000 for an alleged libel in the current issue of the Cosmopolitan Magazine in an article entitled "Tragedies of the Sugar Trust."

In this same article appeared a copy of a letter written by Attorney General Wickersham to Henry A. Wise, United States district attorney here, which in some manner was copied from an original in Mr. Wise's desk.

Harned is one of the men indicted by the Federal grand jury in connection with the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company's suit, whose demurrer to the indictment, however, was sustained on the ground that prosecution was barred by the statute of limitations.

Washington, Dec. 22.—"There may be a sequel to the disappearnce of the letter which will be very uncomfortable for somebody," said an official of the Department of Justice today when his attention was called to the publication of that written by Attorney General Wickersham June 27th last to District Attorney Wise at New York which found its way into one of the leading magazines.

The letter had relation to a feature of the sugar trust prosecutions. Mr. Wise, it is said at the Department is making an effort to discover by whom the letter was taken, he having filed it with his personal correspondence and a prosecution of any one who may be found guilty of purloining it will be undertaken.

Attorney General Wickersham made it plain that he would prosecute the person who stole the letter and would put him in jail if possible, if developments showed it had been stolen.

MAGNOLIA HAS QUIET DAY.

Bitter Feeling Still Exists Between Whites and Negroes.

Magnolia, Ala., Dec. 22.—The situation here tonight is quiet and no further violence is anticipated as a result of the bitter feeling between the negroes and whites of the community following the killing of the young white man Lewis Saturday night by the Montgomery negroes.

With the ring leaders among the negroes, 42 in number, behind the bars of the county jail at Linden, it is believed that the threatened attack upon the whites by the negroes has been effectually restrained.

The negroes in this section, however, outnumber the whites 50 to one and the slightest overt act on their part will meet with prompt and certain measures by the local authorities.

The 42 negroes taken to Linden today are charged with carrying concealed weapons and making threats of violence. At Lamison today a relative of the Montgomery brothers was arrested after having made threats against the whites. He was armed.

Will Montgomery, the fourth of the desperado brothers, is still being pursued by a posse.

Selma, Ala., Dec. 22.—Shelley and Fletcher Montgomery, two of the negro brothers implicated in the murder of Algernon Lewis near Magnolia, Ala. last Saturday, and who were arrested following the burning of their brother Clint, were brought to Selma this afternoon and placed in the Dallas county jail for safe keeping. Sheriff Grant reported everything quiet at Magnolia.

AFTER BASEBALL FRICTION.

New President of National League Hopes to Bring About Change.

New York, Dec. 22.—Thomas J. Lynch, the new president of the National League, sent out a letter today to his six veteran umpires—Hank O'Day, Bob Emslie, Steve Kane, James E. Johnstone, William J. Klem and Charles Rigler—asking them to communicate with him as to where most of their troubles with the players originated last season and whether coachers, managers or bench warmers were primarily at fault.

President Lynch hopes to curtail the friction that has existed in the past between the referees and the players.

"As your answer will have important bearing on some reforms for both umpires and players, that I wish to make in the running of the game on the diamond next season," President Lynch says, "I want you to give this question careful study, and to report to me at your earliest convenience."

ARMY COURT INVESTIGATES.

Private Conyers Will Testify as to the Brownsville Affair.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The army court investigating the Brownsville raid, put in most of today hearing the testimony of army detectives and other witnesses in relation to the alleged confession of Private Boyd Conyers, of Georgia, that he and others were with the party that "shot up the town."

Conyers previously testified before the court, practically that he had taken no part in the affray. He probably will be examined again tomorrow. Conyers was in his first enlistment when discharged and is not an applicant for re enlistment.

MISS MARSHALL'S CONDITION.

Woman Who Attempted to Kill Herself at Virginia Beach.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22.—Margaret Marshall, the former young Portland, Boston and New York young woman, who attempted suicide at Virginia Beach last week by putting three pistol bullets in her head, is still alive and conscious at St. Vincent's hospital here and her chances for recovery were today pronounced about even. The attending physicians thought it best to defer for several days yet the operation which is necessary to probe for the bullet embedded in the roof of the girl's tongue.

Miss Marshall's father went to the hospital today but he did not see her.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Warboys desire to express their sincere thanks to their friends for the many kindnesses extended them during the illness and death of their little son Kenneth Warboys, assuring them that their kindness on this sad occasion will never be forgotten.

KILLED THREE AND SELF

Horrible Crime of Miner—Wife and Mother Among the Victims.

London, Ky., Dec. 22.—A tripple murder and suicide occured at Pittsburg, Ky., a mining village, today, when William Murray, a miner, shot and killed his wife and her mother and Albert Cole and himself. Murray's objections to the alleged attentions of Cole to Mrs. Murray are given as the cause of the crimes.

Cole, who was a son of Assistant Mine Inspector Perry C. Cole, was 22 years old. He was manager of a general store, in which he was slain.

Murray entered the store and without a word shot Cole. Then he went to his home nearby and shot his mother-in-law as she was leaving the house. He then shot his wife who was returning from a visit to a neighbor. He dragged his wife within the yard, laid her dying beside the body of her mother and fired a bullet through Mrs. Murray's heart. He then shot himself and fell between the women's bodies

DRANK POISONED WHISKEY.

One Dead and Another Dying—Christmas Package From Friend.

Starke, Fla., Dec. 22.—Samuel Hogan is dead and a negro is in a serious condition here from drinking whiskey that is alleged to have been poisoned. The whiskey was sent to John Bennett, a well known resident and in the package was the following "From a friend wishing a happy Christmas."

Mr. Bennett sent the negro to the express office for the package, giving him a drink upon his return. He then passed the bottle to Hogan, who drank. The bottle was next passed to Mr. Bennett's son, who drank. Presently all three were suddenly taken ill and Hogan died before medical aid reached him. The boy is better but the negro is in a dangerous condition. The package was shipped from Jacksonville and the authorities are now investigating the case.

MASONS' CELEBRATION.

Taft Invited to Lincoln and Washington Birthday Occasion.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Taft is receiving and had under consideration a large number of invitations to attend Lincoln and Washington Birthday Celebration in February next.

A committee of Masons from Alexandria Washington Blue Lodge, to which George Washington belonged, today invited the President to attend a notable Masonic celebration in Alexandria, Va., on Washington's birthday. The President said he would give them his consideration along with the other invitations he had received.

At the Alexandria Celebration to which will be invited the grand masters of Masonic fraternity throughout the United States, will be launched an undertaking to build a great memorial to Washington as a Mason.

EASTERN CAROLINA LEAGUE.

Pitcher Pope to Chattanooga—Franchise to Durham.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—The last bulletin issued from the office of National League Secretary Farrell contains some interesting news for the fans through the Eastern Carolina league. Some of the changes of interest are as follows:

Pitcher Pope of the Raleigh team in the Eastern Carolina league is drafted by Chattanooga. Martin Walsh, one of the Champions, drafted by Pueblo, Colo., is sold to Danville, in the Virginia League.

The bulletin further states that the territory of Durham is placed in the Eastern Carolina League, Durham being given the franchise and players of the Goldsboro club.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH.

Practical Destruction of Keystone Hotel—Guests' Narrow Escape.

Gloversville, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Following the practical destruction of the Keystone Hotel yesterday when there were several narrow escapes from death by occupants jumping from an upper story window, three lives were lost today in a fire that destroyed the Keystone stables.

The dead are Abram Fonda, John O'Brien and William Stephens. The three men had remained up all night guarding the ruins of the hotel and about noon today went to sleep in the stables. A short time afterward the building was discovered to be in flames and when the fire had been extinguished their bodies were found.

SAYS POET WATSON IS SANE.

Wife Declared His Brother Tried to Ruin His Reputation.

New York, Dec. 22.—A cable message from Havana has been received here from Maureen Watson, the bride of William Watson, the poet, in which she denies that her husband is insane and calls in question the motives of Robinson Watson, whose statement to that effect was given in explanation of his brother's attack on the Asquiths.

Mrs. Watson says: "Mr. Robinson Watson's message to the world is a wicked attempt to ruin my husband's Mr. William Watson's, reputation in America."

COST OF PANAMA CANAL.

Big Appropriation of the Congressional Committee.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Congressman Jas. A. Tawney, of Minnesota, tonight after reiterating that the Panama Canal would be completed by January 1st, 1915, at a total cost of $375,000,000, said that the Congressional Committee on Appropriations would appropriate $35,000,000 for 1910 and 1911 and $48,000,000 more for the completion of the canal.

PRUDENCE

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We carry a big variety of Suit Cases, Hand Bags and Trunks. Our line of Shirts and Emery and Manhattan makes are the best in the city. Just received in time for the holidays a line of Men's Bath Robes in neat designs. No one urged to buy, we ask you only to look at our display and we will gladly serve you.

Our store will remain open every night this week until 9 o'clock, with the exception of Friday night, until 12 o'clock.

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INSANE RANCHER KILLS TWO.

After Horrible Crimes He Threw Self Under Railroad Train.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 22.—Suddenly becoming violently insane, G. C. Cheuvront, a rancher, today killed his wife and one child, wounded three other children and ended his life under the wheels of a railroad train.

Mrs. Cheuvront was preparing breakfast when her husband entered the kitchen with a hatchet. Without a word he split her skull with one blow. He then entered the bedroom where his children lay asleep. In rapid succession he struck with the hatchet George, 14 years; Claude, 12; Gladys, 10; and Nellie, an infant. Claude is dead and Gladys is dying. The others will recover. As Cheuvront left the house C. M. McClung, a step-son, 19 years old, met him on the porch. The maniac struck at his step-son's head. Evading the blow, the young man struck his step-father heavily on the jaw.

The blow seemed to break the mad spell and the hand that held the hatchet fell to his side. Without speaking, the rancher extended its handle to McClung and ran to the railroad track where he threw himself under a passing train and was ground to pieces.

EXTEND WIRELESS SERVICE.

Established by the Navy Across Long Stretches of Ocean.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A sweeping plan for extension of wireless telegraph service for the navy has been submitted to Congress by Rear Admiral Cowles, chief of the Bureau of Equipment. "Wireless apparatus of the latest type", he says "is to be supplied to all the new vessels of the navy, including destroyers and all auxiliaries, as this latter class of vessel has proved very valuable in establishing wireless chains across long stretches of ocean without the necessity of disrupting the fighting fleet.

Until it may become possible to entrust all coastwise service to the commercial companies, the bureau is obliged to keep the coast chain of stations in the most efficient condition possible not only for military service, but to warn mariners.

Another shore station is contemplated at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, to carry wireless to Bering Sea, connecting with the Cape Nome station, permitting vessels from Nome to lower California to keep in touch with the world. After the contemplated high powered station in Washington has been completed it is believed a similar station will be found necessary in the following localities: The west coast of the United States, the Panama Canal Zone, Hawaii and the Philippines. With stations of such power as these places, vessels will be within call while going to or from, or while in practically all waters where naval operations of interest to the United States might be expected. Each station, it is estimated, will cost $100,000.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

¶ The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 22.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady 52 1-4 cents.

ROSIN—Market, steady $3.00 per barrel.

TAR—Market, firm $1.90 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.50 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip and $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin steady $2.30; tar firm $1.50; crude turpentine firm $1.50; $2.00 and $2.75.

Spirits turpentine	16
Rosin	43
Tar	99
Crude turpentine	54

Receipts, same day last year 8 casks spirits turpentine; 90 barrels rosin; 145 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Quiet 14 3-4c for middling.

Same day last year—Quiet, 8 7-8 cents.

Receipts—585 bales, same day last year 2,395.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 18th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Good demand 27@28c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDE—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Good demand 55@60c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c.; free of burr 24c.

GEESE—50@55 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@$2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—The cotton market showed continued strength today with prices again making new high records and closing steady at a net advance of 4 to 14 points.

The opening was firm at an advance of 3 to 10 points on a renewal of yesterday's buying movement which was encouraged by steady cables and further reports of a spot demand. Realizing was quite heavy at the initial advance which carried most of the months into new high ground but offerings were remarkably well absorbed and after slight recessions the upward movement was resumed with January contracts selling at 15.32 and May at 15.94; during the afternoon. This reflected a net advance of about 12 to 17 points on the active months and while there was no change in the character of the news, profit taking became heavy enough to cause reactions of from 3 to 4 points in the late trading. The chief influence in the advance appeared to be the bullish character of the news from Southern spot markets. Quote generally speaking an improved demand was reported and with the day's interior shipments in excess of receipts it looks as though rather an urgent effort was being made to fill out December engagements. Part of the buying here during the day was for the account of spot people, believed to be covering hedges against cotton called by the mills, and private reports showing spots to be from 1-8 to 3-8 higher. The market for Egyptian cotton at Alexandria was reported 50 points higher, making an advance of 100 points since the beginning of the week while private cables say that estimates of the Indian crop are being reduced.

Receipts at the ports today were 37,807 bales against 22,032 last week and 71,618 last year. For the week 200,000 bales against 203,135 last week and 382,336 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 9,796 bales against 13,192 last year and at Houston 3,364 bales against 7,512 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet 35 points higher; middling uplands 15.75; middling gulf 16.00; no sales.

Futures opened firm and closed steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	15.18	15.24
January	15.18	15.28
February	15.42	15.45
March	15.53	15.63
April		15.75
May	15.88	15.92
June		15.82
July	15.87	15.89
August	15 50	15.60
September	14.31	14.31
October	13.57	13.62

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 15 1-4; net receipts 11,290; stock 226,480.

New Orleans—Steady, 15 5 1-6; net receipts 9,790; stock 173,598.

Mobile—Net receipts 652; stock 52,879.

Savannah—Steady, 14 7-8; net receipts 5,615; stock 135,765.

Charleston—Firm, 14 3-4; net receipts 2,107; stock 37,371.

Wilmington—Quiet, 14 3-4; net receipts 585; stock 24,649.

Norfolk—Steady, 15 1-4; net receipts 1,429; stock 40,877.

Baltimore—Nominal, 15 1-4; stock 14,920.

New York—Quiet, 15.75; stock 133,329.

Boston—Quiet, 15.75; net receipts 25.

Philadelphia—Steady, 16.00; stock 3,534.

Brunswick—Net receipts 601; stock 4,576.

Port Townsend—Net receipts 95.

Pensacola—Net receipts 4,271.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 37,807; Great Britain 15,955; Continent 4,350; Japan 1,952; stock 849,068.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 159,908; Great Britain 37,052; France 6,400; Continent 22,705; Japan 1,952; Mexico 1,300.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 4,856,057; Great Britain 1,307,-816; France 683,711; Continent 1,422,565; Japan 20,846; Mexico 9,855.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15 1-4; net receipts 3,364; stock 109,695.

Augusta—Steady, 15 5-16; net receipts 2,375; stock 70,521.

Memphis—Firm, 15 1-4; net receipts 1,816; stock 210,453.

St. Louis—Steady, 15 1-4; net receipts 86; stock 41,928.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 374; stock 9,452.

Little Rock—Quiet, 14 3-4; net receipts 1,462; stock 54,334.

Louisville—Firm, 15 3-8.

Total today—Net receipts 9,477; gross receipts 1,489; shipments 12,712; sales 7,292; sales 493,381.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Spot quiet, prices 10 points higher. American middling fair 8.53; good middling 8.30; middling 8.18; low middling 8.18; low middling 8.08; good ordinary 7.57.

The sales of the day were 6,000 bales of which 700 were for speculation and export and included 4,900 American. Receipts 9,000 including 2,900 American.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet. December 8.01 1-2; December and January 8.01 1-2; January and February 8.02 1-2; February and March 8.05 1-2; March and April 8.08 1-2; April and May 8.09 1-2; May and June 8.10 1-2; June and July 8.09 1-2; July and August 8.08; August and September 7.79 1-2; September and October 7.27 1-2; September and October 7.27 1-2; October and November 7.04; November and December 6.95.

LICK BROS. & CO., COTTON LETTER.

New York, Dec. 22.—Cotton reached new high levels today for all options except August. The market opened strong in spite of rather disappointing cables from Liverpool and buying appeared to be the result of an accumulation of overnight orders, partly from shorts and partly from traders who had sold out their cotton and desired to go long again over the holidays.

The strength of December, January and March was due to purchases by spot interests and shorts. Mills have been calling a good deal of cotton lately and their purchases to fix the price have imparted marked strength to the near positions. All advices unite in reporting a very strong spot situation in the South and less is heard about inability to sell cotton. It looks as if the market would go over the holidays fairly well evened up but sentiment is generally in favor of higher prices.

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DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—The dry goods market has settled into a holiday quiet with prices on cotton goods and yarns holding steady. Staple hosiery is selling actively for Fall in the fleeced lines.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—The extreme dullness into which stood trading fell today was traceable to the restraining influence of the tightness of the call money market. It is assumption of the professional trading element that this condition is temporary and incident to the year-end requirements and to be succeeded, consequently, by relaxation with the turn of the year. The call loan rate touched the highest of the year and large amounts were placed at the higher rates.

There were occasional responses today to favorable dividend developments, the effect being to add to the credence with which rumors were regarded of other prospective increases. Pennsylvania responded to the large disbursement to the stockholders of its two subsidiary companies, the Pennsylvania company and the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis. Belief in a special distribution to Reading stockholders seemed to be strengthened. Industrial stocks here and there reflected to hopes of stockholders of increased dividends. There was another revival of the copper merger story and that group of industrials showed the effect temporarily. None of the day's influences proved permanent in their effect, the traders pursuing an opportunist policy from hour to hour. In view of the uncertain tone of the speculation some attention was given to reports that railroad officials were admitting some contraction in the volume of affairs. The tone of the market at the close was heavy.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value were $2,480,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks today were 495,500 shares.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—Money on call firm, higher, 4 1-2 to 6 per cent., ruling rate 5, closing bid 5, offered at . Time loans weaker, sixty days 4 1-2 to 4 3-4 and ninety days 4 1-4 to 4 1-2, six months 4 1-4 to 4 1-2.

Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8450 to 4.8465 for sixty day bills and 4.8780 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 to 1-2; bar silver 52 5-8. Mexican dollars 44.

N. Y. BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	101 1-2
U. S. ref 2s coupon	101 1-2
U. S. 3s, registered	101 3-4
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 3-4
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 3-4
U. S. 4s, registered	114 1-2
U. S. 4s, coupon	115 1-2
Allis Chalmers 1st 5s	84
American Agricultural 5s	101 1-2
American Tel. & Tel cv. 4s	105
American Tobacco 4s	77 1-2
American Tobacco 6s	106 1-2
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	94 1-2
Atchison gen. 4s	99 7-8
Atchison cv. 4s	121 1-4
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	95
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	99 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2s	93
Baltimore and Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	99 1-4
Brooklyn Transit cv 4s	86 3-4
Central of Georgia 5s	108 1-4
Central Leather 5s	98 3-4
Central R. R. of N. J. gen 5s	124 5-8
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	105
Chesapeake & Ohio ref. 5s	104 1-2
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	74 1-4
Chicago, B. & Q. joint 4s	96 7-8
Chicago, B. & Q. gen. 4s	99 1-2
Chicago, Mil. & St. P. gen. 3 1-2s	89 1-2
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 4s	80 1-4
Cincago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s	102 1-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. rfg. 4s	90 1-4
Colorado Industrial 5s	84
Colorado Midland 4s	89 1-2
Col. & Southern ref. & ext. 4 1-2s	98
Delaware & Hudson cv. 4s	102 1-4
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	96
Denver & Rio Grande ref 5s	94 3-8
Distillers 5s	74 1-2
Erie prior lien 4s	85 3-4
Erie Gen. 4s	76 1-4
Erie cv 4s series "A"	82
Erie cv. 4s series "B"	72 7-8
General Electric cv 5s	147
Illinois Central 1st ref. 4s	99
Interborough Met 4 1-2s	83 5-8
Inter. Merc. Marine 4 1-2s	71
Japan 4s	88
Japan 4 1-2s	94 1-4
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	73 3-8
Lake Shore deb. 4s (1931)	94 7-8
Louisville & Nash. Un. 4s	100
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 4s	90
Mo., Kan. & Texas gen. 4 1-2s	91 1-4
Missouri Pacific 4s	81 3-4
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	94 3-8
New York Central gen. 3 1-2s	91 1-8
New York Central deb. 4s	95 1-2
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford cv. 6s	134 1-2
Norfolk & Western 1st con. 4s	98
Norfolk & Western cv 4s	102
Northern Pacific 4s	102
Northern Pacific 3s	73 3-4
Oregon Short Line rfdg 4s	94 1-4
Penn. cv. 3 1-2s, (1915)	96 5-8
Penn. Con. 4s	104 1-4
Reading gen. 4s	99 1-4
St. Louis & San Fran. fg. 4s	85
St. Louis & San Fran. gen. 5s	88 7-8
St. Louis S'western con. 4s	79 1-2
St. Louis S'western 1st gold 4s	93 1-8
Seaboard Air Line 4s	84 1-4
Southern Pacific col. 4s	92
Southern Pacific cv. 4s	104
Southern P. R. R. 1st ref 4s	94 3-4
Southern Railway 5s	111
Southern Railway gen. 4s	81 1-2
Union Pacific 4s	101 7-8
Union Pacific cv 4s	116
Union Pacific 1st and ref 4s	98
U. S. Rubber 6s	104 3-8
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	105 1-2
Virginia Car. Chemical 5s	98 7-8
Wabash 1st 5s	111 1-2
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	76 3-8
Western Md., 4s	85 1-4
Westinghouse Electric cv 5s	95
Wisconsin Central 4s	93 3-4

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers pfd	54 1-2
Amalgamated Copper	88 1-2
American Agricultural	46 3-4
American Beet Sugar	46 3-4
American Can pfd	81 1-2
American Car & Foundry	71 3-4
American Cotton Oil	68
American Hide & Leather pfd	46 1-2
American Ice Securities	25 1-2
American Linseed	16 1-2
American Locomotive	50 3-4
American Smelting & Ref'ng	102 5-8
Amer. Smelting & Refining pfd	111
American Sugar Refining	122
American Tel. & Tel.	142 1-8
American Tobacco, pfd	95 1-2
American Woolen	37
Anaconda Mining Co.	50 5-8
Atchison	121 3-8
Atchison pfd	104 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line	136 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio	117 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	91 1-2
Bethleham Steel	33 3-4
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	80
Canadian Pacific	179
Central Leather	47
Central Leather pfd	108
Central of New Jersey	315
Chesapeake & Ohio	80 7-8
Chicago & Alton	66
Chicago Great Western	21 1-4
Chicago & Northwestern	181
Chicago, Mill. & St. Paul	157 1-4
C., C. C. & St. Louis	81 1-2
Colorado Fuel & Iron	50 5-8
Colorado & Southern	53 1-2
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd	81 1-4
Colorado & Southern 2nd pfd	80
Consolidated Gas	159 1-4
Corn Products	22 1-2
Delaware & Hudson	185
Denver & Rio Grande	51 1-2
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	80 1-2
Distillers' Securities	37 1-8
Erie	35 1-2
Erie 1st pfd	50
Erie 2nd pfd	40
General Electric	150 1-4
Great Northern pfd	143 1-8
Great Northern Ore Ctfs.	80 3-4
Illinois Central	146 3-4
Interborough Met.	24 1-2
Interborough Met pfd	69 7-8
Inter Harvester	116
Inter Marine pfd	27 7-8
International Paper	
International Pump	51 1-2
Iowa Central	29
Kansas City Southern	25 5-8
Kansas City Southern pfd	71
Louisville & Nashville	157
Minneapolis & St. Louis	52
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M.	139 7-8
Missouri Pacific	71
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	48 5-8
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd	74
National Biscuit	116
National Lead	88 5-8
Nat'l Rys. of Mexico 1st pfd	58
New York Central	123 1-8
New York, Ontario & Western	49 1-8
Norfolk & Western	90 3-8
North American	84 1-2
Northern Pacific	145
Pacific Mail	41
Pennsylvania	130 1-2
People's Gas	115 1-2
Pittsburg, C. C. & Sa. Louis	99
Pressed Steel Car	51 3-4
Pullman Palace Car	191
Railway Steel Spring	51 1-2
Reading	171 1-4
Republic Steel	45 1-2
Republic Steel pfd	104 1-2
Rock Island Co.	45 5-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	92 7-8
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	58
St. Louis Southwestern	32 3-4
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	80
Sloss Sheffield Steel and Iron	86 1-2
Southern Pacific	134
Southern Railway	73 1-2
Tennessee Copper	38
Texas & Pacific	35 1-4
Toledo, St. Louis & West	52 1-2
Toledo, St. Louis & West. pfd	69 7-8
Union Pacific	202
Union Pacific pfd	103 5-8
United States Realty	81
United States Rubber	53 1-2
United States Steel	91 1-8
United States Steel pfd	125
Utah Copper	60 3-8
Virginia Car. Chemical	51 3-4
Wabash	21 1-4
Wabash pfd	58 5-8
Western Maryland	31 3-4
Westinghouse Electric	81 1-2
Western Union	76 3-4
Wheeling & Lake Erie	9 1-8
Wisconsin Central	48 1-4
Standard Oil Co.	666

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—Flour, Rye Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Meal, Rye and Barley—Steady.

Wheat—Easy; No. 2 red 1.30 asked elevator domestic and 1.29 nominal fob afloat. Options closed at 1 1-4c to 1 1-2c net decline. December 1.23 1-2; May 1.17 3-8; July 1.08 5-8.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 70 1-2 elevator, domestic, 71 delivered and 69 fob afloat, nominal. Options closed unchanged to 1-8c net lower. December 71; May 74 7-8.

Oats—Spot steady; mixed 47.

Pork, Cut Meats, Tallow, Petroleum and Molasses—Steady.

Lard—Weak.

Sugar—Weak, refined quiet.

Coffee—Steady Rio No. 7, 8 4-2 to 5-8; Santos No. 4, 9. Mild, quiet; Cordova 9 to 11 1-2. Futures closed steady net unchanged to 5 points higher.

Butter—Strong; creamery specials 38; extras 37; third to first 29 to 37; held 29 to 33 1-2; state dairy 25 to 34; process 26 to 28 1-2; western factory 23 1-2 to 25.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Easier; state, Pennsylvania and nearby heunery white, fancy 40 to 50; do gathered white 36 to 42; do heunery brown and mixed, fancy 40 to 42; do gathered brown fair to prime 35 to 39.

Potatoes—Easy; Southern sweets per barrel 1.00 to 1.25.

Cabbages—Firm, unchanged.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil market was active with sales of 23,100 barrels and prices declined 7 to 15 points under liquidation of long oil and influenced by the easier lard market. January 7.54 to 7.56; March 7.61 to 7.62; May 7.64 to 7.65; July 7.68 to 7.70. Prime crude 6.53 to 6.54; do summer yellow 7.35 to 7.70; do yellow winter 7.95 to 8.60; do summer white 7.95 to 8.50.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Renewed liquidation caused a further break in wheat prices here today, final quotations being from one cent to 1 5-8 below the closing quotations of the previous session. Coarse grain and provisions also closed weak.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 15 1-2	1 16	1 14 3-4
May	1 11 1-8	1 11 1-2	1 10 1-8
July	1 01 7-8	1 01 7-8	1 01
Corn—			
Dec.	61 5-8	61 3-4	61 3-8
May	66	66 1-4	65 7-8
July	65 7-8	66	65 1-2
Oats—			
Dec.	43 5-8	44	43 5-8
May	45 1-4	45 3-8	45 1-8
July	42 3-4	43	42 5-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	21 55	21 55	21 45
May	21 50	21 55	21 52 1-2
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	12 62 1-2	12 65	12 60
May	11 80	11 85	11 82 1-2
July	11 75	11 80	11 80
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	11 40	11 40	11 20
May	11 12 1-2	11 25	11 22 21-
July	11 15	11 25	11 22 1-2

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 22.—Turpentine and rosin quiet.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 22.—Turpentine quiet 53 1-4. Rosin quiet. A, B, C, 3.87 1-2; D, 3.90; E, 3.87 1-2; F, 3.90 to 3.95; G, 3.92 1-2 to 4.00; H, 4.05 to 4.10; I, 4.55; K, 5.65; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 22.—Turpentine firm 53 1-2 to 53 3-4; sales 583; receipts 744; shipments 95. Rosin firm; sales 2,408; receipts 3,635; shipments 449; stock 146,640. Quote: A, B, C, 3.85; D, 3.85 to 3.90; E, 3.87 1-2 to 3.90; F, 3.90 to 3.95; G, 3.92 1-2 to 3.95; H, 4.05 to 4.10; I, 4.55; K, 5.65; M, 5.90; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Br. schr. Rothesay, 280 tons, Phipps, New York, C. D. Mafflitt.

Schr. Chas. J. Dumast, 605 tons, Curtis, Carteret, N. J., C. D. Mafflitt.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 22, 1909.

C. C. Railroad—119 bales cotton, 5 barrels rosin, 30 barrels tar, 5 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—246 bales cotton, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—111 bales cotton, 6 barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—82 bales cotton, 55 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—27 bales cotton, 18 barrels rosin, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Whitlock—16 casks spirits turpentine, 20 barrels rosin, 8 barrels tar, 30 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—585 bales cotton, 16 casks spirits turpentine, 43 barrels rosin, 90 barrels tar, 54 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Kenley (Br.) 2,431 tons, Wilson, Walter Smallbones, Agent.

Hyperia (Br.) 2,518 tons, Enos, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Hariyn. (Br.) 2,224 tons, Bird, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Rothesay (Br.) 280 tons, Phipps, New York, C. D. Mafflitt.

Chas. J. Dumast, 605 tons, Curtis, C. D. Mafflitt.

F. & T. Lupton, 797 tons, Longstreet, C. D. Mafflitt.

Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, Springer Coal Company.

Millie R. Bonhannan, 570 tons, Little, C. D. Mafflitt.

Lottie R. Russell, 266 tons, James, C. D. Mafflitt.

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Delgado Sunday School	222	Miss Rosa May Furlong	353
Y. M. C. A.	1,040	Miss Lillian Bannerman	2,652
Miss Thelma Fillyaw	785	Brotherhood Railway Clerks.	359
Major Johnson	206	Miss Lydia Davis	240
Miss Fenley, for Hospital	209	Miss Lillian Vaughn	261
Mrs. C. Williams	2,502	W. E. Jays	321
St. John's Sunday School	2,686	Miss Mallie Houston	977
Miss Viola East	311	Fenley Bros.	1,649
D. Hendricks	217	Naval Reserves	206
First Presbyterian S. S.	207		

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A very exclusive assortment of Stein Block's High Grade Hand Factored Suits and Overcoats for the Holidays

We are showing the prettiest Christmas goods in the way of Hats, Gloves, Neckwear, Underwear, Sox, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Silk Suspenders, Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Suit Cases, Bags and Trunks, Bath Robes, Pajamas and everything in Gentlemen's Wear. Give us a look before making your Christmas purchases.

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who want good looking, durable and stylish Shoes at moderate prices. We'll just put it mildly and say that We've the best $3.50 and $4.00 Shoes this country produces.

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Peanut Cake and Meal. Finest food obtainable for cattle and hogs. Better than corn, corn chops, meal or wheat bran. Manufactured and sold by

Universal Oil and Fertilizer Co.
Wilmington, N. C.

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 23, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Wednesday, Dec. 22nd:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 31 degrees; 8 P. M. 37 degrees; maximum 45 degrees; minimum 31 degrees; mean 38 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 2.20 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Wednesday 5 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair, continued cold Thursday and Friday; light to moderate northwest to north winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 23.

Sun Rises.....7:15 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:08 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 45 min.
High water at Southport 4:45 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 7:45 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. C. L.—Schedule Changes.
W. L. I.—Attention Members.
A. J. Moore, Jr., Agent—Notice.
Sol Bear & Co.—The Finest Product.
H. L. Vollers—Cuban Blossom Cigars.
Plantagenet Commandery—Sir Knights.
Crystal Palace—Change of Programme.
St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M.—Members.
N. J. Williams, Chief of Police—Fireworks.
Hibernian Benevolent Society—Attention Members.

Business Locals.

Lost—Fox Muff.
W. W. Koch—Wood.
Lost—Gold Neck Chain.
Palace Market—Turkeys.
For Sale—Diamond Brooch.
Hilton Lumber Co.—Wood.
The Hicks Company—Figs.
E. Warren & Son—Lowney's.
E. Warren & Son—Ice Cream.
Oscar Bordeaux—Christmas Trees.

BROKAW WILL TESTIFY TODAY

North Carolinians Appeared as Witnesses in the Case Yesterday. Showed How Brokaw's Wealth Diminished.

New York, Dec. 22.—W. Gould Brokaw did not take the stand in his own defense today as had been expected. Instead, his counsel continued to introduce testimony designed to show that the demands of Mrs. Brokaw who is suing for separation with alimony of $60,000 a year, are unreasonable, in view of the husband's diminished fortune.

John F. McIntyre, Mr. Brokaw's lawyer, explained that one of his associates who had the minutes of the trial had been detained and that the case could not well go on without him. An early adjournment was therefore granted with the understanding that Mr. Brokaw will testify tomorrow.

John F. McIntyre declared today that Mr. Brokaw in his testimony would not deny that he had called his wife "a little fool," and "a stupid idiot" and other names "which the occasion demanded" but that it would be shown that there had been abundant provocation for loss of temper on the part of his client. The attorney declared also that he would show that James A. Blair, Mrs. Brokaw's father, had interfered in the Brokaw family affairs and had threatened to hold Mr. Brokaw to account if the latter's conduct made Mrs. Brokaw unhappy.

Mr. Brokaw pased up and down the corridor of the court house, his lips moving rapidly as if he were rehearsing the testimony he would be called upon to give. Much of the court's time today was taken with testimony of North Carolinians called to show how Mr. Brokaw's wealth had diminished of recent years, making demands for such alimony as his wife has asked unreasonable.

The illness of Mrs. Brokaw's mother, Mrs. James A. Blair, who has been stricken with pneumonia at her home in Westbury, has given her worry and deprived her of the supporting presence in court of her father. This, together with continued tales of cigarette smoking and cock tail drinking which the trial developed, has served to break the splendid poise which she has maintained.

Estate in North Carolina.

Archibald H. Boyden, former mayor of Salisbury, N. C., and Thomas J. Finch, manager of Mr. Brokaw's estate, High Point, were witnesses.

Mr. Finch described the lodge and its surroundings. He enumerated the stables, the kennels and the retinue of servants and game keepers which Mr. Brokaw has there and then said he didn't believe the whole establishment, if sold now, would bring more than $25,000 in open market. Estimating the value of the estate without the improvements Finch said it isn't worth more than $6 or $8 an acre.

In reply to questioning, Finch said there were no private race tracks on the land or any Turkish baths in the house. The stable for the riding horses, however, he said, would accommodate 25 or 30 animals. The log cabin on the place he thought was good enough for the master of the place, in spite of the fact that it was occupied by the servants. Finch testified that his own salary is $1,500 a year. The house servants, he said, are paid by the butler, who gets checks from Mr. Brokaw to cover those expenses.

During the last year, Finch testified, he had spent about $1,000 on the place by Brokaw's orders. When he qualified as a witness Mr. Finch testified that he is the vice president of one North Carolina bank and a director of another, as well as the owner of a chair factory.

A. H. Boyden on Stand.

Mr. Boyden's testimony was to show that he had been a guest of Brokaw's at the lodge on various occasions and had never seen his host any worse for drinking.

"I would like to say emphatically," said the former mayor of Salisbury, "that Mr. Brokaw was the most delightful host it has ever been my good fortune to visit."

"You say you would not call Mr. Brokaw a drinking man, what do you mean by that?" demanded Mr. Baldwin.

"That I never saw him drunk," answered the witness.

"What do you mean by drunk?"

"That I never saw him intoxicated, never under the influence of liquor."

CHRISTMAS FOR FLEET.

Fifteen Thousand Officers and Jackies Are in New York.

New York, Dec. 22.—Fifteen thousand officers and men of the North Atlantic fleet will enjoy the Christmas holidays in New York. Seven battleships of the fleet, the Minnesota, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Missouri, Connecticut, Vermont and Kansas slipped through the Narrows today and anchored in the Hudson. They will be followed by eight other battleships and two cruisers.

The men will be allowed all the time possible ashore until the fleet sails on January 5th and the paymasters are preparing to distribute something like $500,000 in pay to the sailors.

Rear Admiral Schroeder is in command of the big fleet.

The New Jersey, Nebraska and Rhode Island joined the advance guard of the North Atlantic fleet at their anchorage in the Hudson river late today. Ten of Uncle Sam's big fighting craft are now snug in port for the holidays. The six remaining battleships of the fleet and two cruisers are expected tomorrow.

Squads of blue jackets with money in their pockets and the Christmas spirit unconfined invaded Broadway and the Bowery tonight.

COL. BENNETT ISSUES WARNING

Prepare Against Day of Boll Weevil, Says He.

(Wadesboro Ansonian.)

I risk fatiguing your waking moments. Plant oats the first fitting weather in February.

If you can get any French wheat called "Red Marvel" sow it as late as middle April.

The coming of the boll weevil is as certain a death and we should post against him.

Grow cane for molasses. I have some now superior to anything in the United States. R. T. B.

TRAIN COACH TURNS OVER.

Accident Occurred at Sylvania, Ga.—Passengers Uninjured.

Sylvania, Ga., Dec. 22.—A passenger coach on the Sylvania & Girard Railroad was overturned here today, yet none of its dozen occupants was injured. G. C. Harper, of Atlanta, though he has but one leg and walks on crutches, escaped, leaving his crutches behind. The passengers completed their journey to Rocky Ford in a box car.

Malaria Causes Loss of Appetite. The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. drives out malaria and builds up the system For grown people and children, 50c.

Best of all
Gifts
Nunnally's
Candies

Christmas Confections of supreme quality—the kind invariably selected for gifts where quality and goodness are desired.

Fresh Christmas Stock now ready at
J. HICKS BUNTING DRUG CO.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

LOST—On Front street between Japanese store and Market street or on street car, gold neck-chain, gold pendant, coral setting. Return 210 Nun street. de 23 1t*

LOWNEY'S ASSORTED CHOCOLATES, 35c per pound, name on every piece. Our home-made candy at 25c just as good as 80c candy, made daily. E. Warren & Son. de 23 1t*

ICE CREAM FOR CHRISTMAS. Try our home made candy for children at 15c per pound, two pounds for 25c, guaranteed pure. E. Warren & Son. de 23 1t*

TURKEYS, TURKEYS, TURKEYS, cranberries, nice celery, native pork hams, also corned hams and shoulders for Christmas. 'Phones 72 and 653. Palace Market. de 23 tf

LOST—A fox muff on either Market or Front streets, betwen Japanese Buzaar and Yates' bookstore. Finder will return to this office and receive reward. de 23 1t

FIGS FROM TURKEY, the largest package for 15 cents on the market, something new in the United States. A few fresh eggs left, the best bananas, sweetest oranges, new raisins, new nuts, new grape fruit. New crop of extra Baracoa cocoanuts, the best. We sell any amount to anybody for cash and make no deliveries. The Hicks Co., 311 North Front street. de 23 2t

FOR SALE at a bargain lady's diamond brooch, 18 diamonds. Address G., Box 283. de 23 2t.

BRIGHT CHRISTMAS if you have good fires and warm rooms. Split pine $1.00 per load cash, delivered; K. D., blocks $1.00 per load cash, delivered; dry 4 feet slabs 50 cents per load cash, on our yard. Order today Hilton Lumber Co., 'phone 321. de 23 1t.

WOOD—For good well seasoned wood, call up 146. W. W. Koch Shingle Mills. de 23 1w.

WANTED—To supply you with Christmas decorations and Christmas trees; they can be inspected and purchased at the Market street dock today. Oscar Bordeaux. de 23 1t.*

LOST MONEY LOUISE—In days gone by but now I'm wise. I've found where and how to make money by shipping my raw furs, nides, tallow, wool, beeswax, worm seed, produce etc., to C. D. Gilbert & Bro., 212 Market street. de 7 tf

HUYLER'S & ALLEGRETTI'S fresh chocolates and bon bons just received. Fresh ground cocoanut 15c per quart. Fireworks cheap and all kinds at Plummer's. de 21 3t

MALAGA GRAPES, fine yellow bananas, Florida oranges, California pears, and grape fruit. Xmas candies from 5c a pound up. See my line at 10 and 15c. Extra Fine Lowney chocolates and a better grade at 25c per pound at Plummer's. de 21 3t

FOR SALE—Engines. To reduce our stock of machinery before December 31st, we will sacrifice the following: 14x20 inches H. S. & G. and 18x24 inches, Stearns slide valve engines—14x20 Atlas four valve—16 inch and 18x16 inches Ball compound. Greensboro Supply Co., Dept. W., Greensboro, N. C. de 21 6t

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

EGGS, EGGS—FRESH EGGS—On account of the cold weather and scarcity of eggs, we will sell as long as they last at the very low price of 32 cents per dozen. We sell for cash and make no deliveries. We have all the sweet oranges in the State. No one else has them at 15 cents a dozen. Yours truly 311 North Front street. de 21 2t

MECHANICS Home Association, 39th series B. & L. stock opens January 1st, 1910. Subscribe now. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary and treasurer. de 15 tf ex su.

FOR RENT—That desirable seven-room cottage No. 713 Chesnut street. All modern conveniences. Apply on premises or 313 South Fifth street. de 19 tf

FOR RENT—New, up-to-date apartment, having all the conveniences of a modern home, northeast corner of Fifth and Ann streets. Possession given immediately. Apply to W. G. Whitehead, 'phone 229 or 408. de 19 tf.

FOR RENT—Store No. 116 Market, between Front and Second streets. This is one of the largest and best fitted-up stores in the city. Suitable for most any kind of business, fine location, size of store 25x120 feet, with large plate glass show window, fine shelving and counters. Granolithic sidewalk. Public alley in rear. H. H. J. Ahrens. de 19 6t

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished dwelling on North Third street, near Walnut. Smith & Lord agents, Insurance and Real Estate, 120 Princess street 'phone 766. Also have dwellings in other good locations. de 19 tf.

FOR SALE—Beautiful building lots on Market street; also nice lots in other good locations. Smith & Lord Agents, 120 Princess stret. 'Phone 766. de 19 tf

HANOVER B. & L. Association will open its ninth series on January 1st 1910. Books will be open for two weeks beginning with next Saturday and lasting until Saturday, January 8th. Will only sell 500 shares in this series and if you want stock come in early and notify the secretary at Wilder's Real Estate office, No. 207 Princess street and he will be glad to reserve stock for you. No better way to begin the new year. Every dollar saved is a dollar made. John J. Fowler, president; J. W. Yates, vice president; C. D. Weeks, attorney; H. F. Wilder, secretary and treasurer. de 19 tf

GIVE US YOUR ORDERS for your Christmas turkeys, geese, chickens and eggs. We will have them arriving every day this week. C. D. Gilbert & Co., 212 Market street. de 19 tf

SHIP ME your eggs, poultry, hams, hides, beeswax and any kind of produce. Will pay highest market prices and make prompt returns, N. C. Hams a specialty. C. B. Bellois, 16 North Second street. 'Phone 1576. de 12 tf

WANTED—The shaving public to know that we now have six white barbers at "The Orton" Sanitary Shop. We beg for a trial; it will be up to us to hold your trade. no 24 1m.

KEEP YOUR EYE on our show case. The display will be changed frequently. Every time we change it will be better. The Gem Studio, Foltz & Kendrick, 114 Market street. no 27 tf.

PHOTOGRAPHS — Enlargements, copying, framing, viewing and fine photographic work of every description. At the U. C. Ellis Studio. no 18 tf

NOTICE TO HOLIDAY SHOPPERS—I have just received the most complete line of electric and gas portables and artistic chandeliers ever shown in Wilmington. Prices range from $3.00 to $50.00. I also have a complete line of electric novelties to select from. Do not make your purchase until you have looked over my stock. Store open until 10 P. M., through the holidays. J. O. Brock, 123 Market street, 'phone 575. de 15 tf

QUAL ON TOAST, Lynnhaven Bay Oysters and all other delicacies of the season with the usual substantials that go to make up a first class bill of fare at any cafe. The Junction Restaurant, "Just at the Corner," convenient to all trains, suburban line, etc. Open day and night, Sundays too. no 30 tf

SULTANA OLIVE OIL—Mr. Vanadi, the Sultana agent here, has arranged to have this oil distributed in the future by Hall's drug store, Fifth and Castle. Pints 50c. Quarts $1.00. Phone orders filled promptly. no 4 tf

SWEET WEST INDIA oranges, the best the earth produces, $10.00 per thousand; $1.25 per hundred, at British schooner Blanche, lying at Springer Coal Company's wharves, foot of Chesnut street. J. T. Albury, master. de 17 tf

WANTED—Five good saw mill men ready to go to work the first Monday morning after Christmas, white or colored. The Coharie Lumber Co., Parkersburg, N. C. de 17 1w

FOR SALE under foreclosure of mortgage, complete and modernly equipped pool parlors, tobacco, cold drink and near beer business; best location in Wilmington. Date of sale December 20th, 1909 Kellum & Loughlin, attorneys. de 17 12t

UNREDEEMED diamonds will be displayed in our jewelry window at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 108 Market street. de 18tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

"JOHN! Why don't you go to Smith & Lord, 120 Princess street, and buy one of those beautiful building lots they advertise before you have to pay a profit to a quicker purchaser." That's right ma'am "now is the time to buy." Smith & Lord, 'phone 766. de 19 tf

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 1. A. F. & A. M.

The Worshipful Master requests the Members of this Lodge to meet at the Temple with **WILMINGTON LODGE,** at 2:30 o'clock sharp, and join with them in paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased Brother, **JOHN L. CANTWELL.**

A. S. HOLDEN, Secretary.

de 23 1t.

Masonic Temple, Dec. 23, 1909.

WILMINGTON LODGE, NO. 319. A. F. & A. M.

An Emergent Communication will be held this Wednesday at 2 o'clock to attend the funeral of our deceased Brother J. L. Cantwell.

Members of St. John's and Orient lodges and visiting brethren requested to attend.

By order of W. M.

THOS. F. BAGLEY, Secretary.

de 23 1t.

PLANTAGENET COMMANDERY, NO. 1, K. T.

SIR KNIGHTS:

You will assemble at the Asylum 2:30 P. M. Thursday, Dec. 23rd. to act as Escort for Wilmington Lodge No. 319, attend the funeral and pay our tribute of honor and respect to our deceased brother Sir John L. Cantwell.

Courteously,
CLEMENT C. BROWN, Eminent Commander.

de 23 1t.

Armory Wilmington Light Infantry 2nd Co. C. A. C., Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 22nd, 1909.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 14.

The Members of this Company are hereby ordered to report at their Armory at 2 o'clock in Dress Uniform, Thursday, December 23rd, 1909, to attend the funeral of our late Commander and Comrade, John L. Cantwell.

By Order of
E. A. METTS, Captain Commanding.
Z. K. BELL, First Sergeant.

Reserve Corps Especially invited.

de 23 1t

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF HIBERNIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

You are requested to assemble at your hall, on North Third street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock to attend the funeral of your late, lamented brother, Col. John L. Cantwell.

WM. SHEEHAN, Secretary.

Dec23 1t.

"NOTICE"

The freight warehouses of this company will be closed Saturday, Dec. 25th, 1909, and Saturday, January 1st, 1910. Should there be perishable freight or live stock for delivery on these dates, freight depot will be open from 10 A. M. to 11 A. M. for the delivery of such freight.

Local freight trains on the Wilmington district, Nos. 301, 316, 324 and 325, will be annulled on Saturday, December 25th, Monday, December 27th, 1909, and Saturday, January 1st, and Monday, January 3rd, 1910.

A. J. MOORE, JR. Freight Agent.

de 23-24-30-31.

NOTICE.

The following is the ordinance regulating the discharge of firearms in the city limits:

Section 3. Every person who shall fire any cannon, gun, pistol, or other firearms, or any cannon-cracker, dynamite crackers, or other fire-works, in any street or alley, or upon any wharf, or in any private or public lot, or anywhere in the corporate limits of the City of Wilmington, except upon military parades, or by the permission of the Chief of Police or Mayor, shall be fined Ten Dollars for each and every offence: Provided that this prohibition shall not extend to the firing of cannon, fire-crackers, and fire-works on the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth of December ,and the first day of January and the fourth day of July in each year, which are two inches and under in length, and provided, further, that this amendment does not prohibit the use of other fire-works, on the dates herein mentioned, and that on said dates no fire-cracker or fire-works will be allowed to be exploded West of Front Street.

N. J. WILLIAMS, Chief of Police.

Dec23-2t.

PARLOR CAR SERVICE ON SEABOARD BETWEEN HAMLET AND WILMINGTON.

The Seaboard has re-established Parlor Car Service on their trains Nos. 39 and 40 between Hamlet and Wilmington, effective December 20th. Leave Hamlet 9.05 A. M., arrive Wilmington 1.15 P. M.; returning leave Wilmington 3.20 P. M. arrive Hamlet 7.30 P. M.

C. H. GATTIS, District Passenger Agent Raleigh, N. C.

de 23 tf

Good Things To Eat

119 Boxes L. L. Raisins.
61 Boxes Florida Oranges.
66 Bags of C. C. Nuts.
27 Boxes mixed Nuts.
11 Tubs Penny Candy.
27 Boxes Penny Candy.
10 Boxes Penny Stick Candy.
56 Jars Chewing Gum.
41 Boxes Chewing Gum.
211 10-lb Kits Butter.
211 Bags R. P. Seed Oats.
279 Bbl Voigt's Royal Flour.

W. B. Cooper,
Importer and Jobber.
de 12 tf

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Illustrated Books

All the latest novels, books for boys and girls, Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens, Eastman's Kodaks and supplies, pictures and all kinds of leather and fancy goods.

Store open every night until Christmas.

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C. H. Fore & Co.

de 19 tf.

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for Christmas gifts. There is a book for you to give. and you will enjoy looking for it at

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Plated Ware.
Genuine Stag Carving Set
Hamilton Rifles.
Winchester Rifles.
Marlin Rifles.

Wm. E. Springer & Company.

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